



Away Days

Blencathra, The Lake District

Meet, think and connect in an inspiring setting

Welcome to Blencathra, a special place to make the most of your events.

Blencathra is beautifully situated 300m up, on the south facing slopes of Blencathra in the Lake District National Park, just 1 mile outside the Lakeland village of Threlkeld, with panoramic views of the Lake District fells.

This impressive setting has a true sense of space, giving the site a unique quality, which many visitors enjoy year after year. The centre provides a stunning setting for groups and organisations to gather for away days, meetings and team building.

Let us create a flexible package to help you get the most out of your event and make your team work well together and feel valued. We can tailor the activities to a range of ages and abilities.

All activities are expertly led and delivered by competent, qualified staff in a safe, inclusive environment.

The centre, location and facilities



About the centre:

- Sleeps up to 173 guests in 48 bedrooms across 4 accommodation blocks (some en-suite, rest with modern shared bathrooms).
- Accessible bedroom and facilities available.
- Two lounges, one with a TV and games room, the other overlooking the Northern Lake District Fells.
- Six meeting/workrooms (with interactive whiteboard/IT facilities and unlimited Wi-Fi). Various sizes seating from 14 to 30 people.
- One large conference room seating up to 100 people.
- Licensed bar stocked with local ales and spirits, wines, soft drinks and snacks (available on request).
- Ample parking for 30 cars and 2 coaches.
- Grounds include outdoor patio/picnic area, basketball court and various lawned areas with easy access to multiple footpaths for Blencathra.





Away day options

Book a conference or meeting room to run your own meeting, workshop or event, with the option to include activities and/or an overnight stay. It's a great way to spend time together while enjoying the centre's beautiful facilities and grounds.

Meeting day

- Morning arrival, tea/coffee and biscuits
- Morning session
- Lunch
- Afternoon session
- Afternoon tea and cake
- Finish the day with a social evening meal



Activity day

- Morning arrival, tea/coffee and biscuits
- Morning activity – improve teamwork skills via a series of activities: balance beam, raging torrent or team skis
- Lunch
- Afternoon activity – maybe go orienteering in the woodland
- Afternoon tea and cake
- Finish the day with a social evening meal



Overnight adventure

- Morning arrival, tea/coffee and biscuits
- Morning activity – explore our habitats and come face to face with fascinating nature
- Lunch
- Afternoon activity – trust in your teammates by being lead blindfolded around our roped woodland trail
- Afternoon tea and cake
- Finish the day with a social evening meal

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- Breakfast
 - Morning session
 - Coffee and biscuits
 - Wrap-up and lunch



Away day activities



All activities are available in or near to our beautiful centre grounds. We will engage your group and ensure outcomes are understood and can be actioned by everyone.

Bushcraft survival

Develop team building, communication and resilience whilst promoting positive wellbeing through nature connection.

Example activities:

- Team shelter building using tarps, ropes and natural materials
- Learn and use fire lighting skills including using spark sticks



Environmental pursuits

Improve well-being through a purposeful connection to nature by taking part in a practical conservation activity and consider our sustainable actions.

Example activities:

- Assessing the health of a freshwater pond or river
- Sampling for invertebrates
- Explore the life of ponds, rivers, woodlands or grasslands



Team building

Strengthen personal and social abilities, with better teamwork skills and communication.

Example activities:

- Orienteering around the centre grounds
- Wobble maze board
- Team ski's game
- Team balance beam challenge
- Blindfold trail



Adventure activity

Develop confidence, resilience and self-esteem by accepting an adventure challenge, all linked to nature to promote positive wellbeing.

Example activities:

- Ghyll Scrambling - Scramble up Honister ghyll, over rocks, dunk under waterfalls, climb up small rapids and crawl through tunnels
- Mountain Walk - Explore the Lake District with a full day walk over a classic fell, such as Blencathra, Great Gable, or Skiddaw



Taking care of you



Keeping you well-fed.

Our hospitality team offer a wide range of catered options. We accommodate all dietary requirements, including vegan, vegetarian, dairy-free, gluten-free and faith diets.

Enhance your event with one or more of these special options.

Brunch, Barbeque, afternoon tea.

What's included:

- Lunch
- Evening meal
- Breakfast (for overnight guests)
- Meeting room hire
- Interactive whiteboard with IT support.
- Free Wi-fi
- Event co-ordinator
- Flip chart, pens and paper
- Complimentary tea and coffee
- Homemade biscuits and cake
- Free parking
- Waterproof clothing is provided for outdoor activities





"Thank you so much, we had a wonderful visit. We had such a great time last week that we're considering doing it again in the new year as well"

How to find us



By road - From Junction 40 on the M6 follow A66 to Keswick. After about 12 miles turn right following signpost for Threlkeld. Go through the village and turn right onto Blease Road. The centre is located 1 mile up the hill. Alternatively, head toward Keswick along the A591. As you drive down into the town turn right and follow signposts for A66 to Penrith and M6. Follow the A66 for about 2 miles. Turn left and follow signpost for Threlkeld. Go through the village and turn left onto Blease Road. The centre is located 1 mile up the hill.

By train - The nearest train station is Penrith train station, approximately 13 miles from Threlkeld. Taxis are available from the station.

By bus - Stagecoach operates the X4 and X5 Bus from Penrith train station to Workington which runs every hour and stops in Threlkeld or Keswick. Drop off at Threlkeld - 1 mile walk up hill to the centre. Drop off at Keswick - taxi from Keswick to the centre. The centre is located 1 mile from the village of Threlkeld up Blease Road.

To find out more, please contact our friendly team:

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Prices



Meetings (day) start from £29.95/delegate

Activity days start from £39.95/delegate

Overnight adventures from £150.00/delegate

These prices are based on minimum groups of 12, and do not include VAT.

We would be delighted to work with you to make your time at Blencathra unique for your group. Please ask us for more information on additional options such as barbeques and afternoon tea.

We will also discuss the activities that you would like us to lead to make sure they deliver the outcomes you are looking for.

