

# Cumbria Outdoors

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## Service description

Cumbria Outdoors is a leading provider of experiential learning in the outdoors. Our Centres are placed in the Northern Lake District, which is an ideal environment to pursue a range of learning experiences. We are also situated in an area of outstanding natural beauty, with access to special areas of conservation.

Cumbria Outdoors offers a wide range of facilities and venues and emphasis is placed on making them accessible to all groups and individuals within and beyond Cumbria. The opportunities for residential experiential learning provided by Cumbria Outdoors promote personal and social development, as well as project work which include living history programmes, health & well-being and environmental awareness for all ages.

In addition to our curriculum and project based provision, we also offer non residential activity days, management training, corporate events and leisure opportunities.

## Benefits to your school

All activities are led by our qualified Outdoor Education Leaders who are experienced professionals in their field, with a sound local knowledge. The centres hold Adventure Activity Licences and comply with all current Health & Safety legislation and regulations. We currently hold The Association of Heads of Outdoor Centres Gold Award.

As a traded service, Cumbria Outdoors understands the pressure on budgets and can therefore provide value by tailoring the booking to suit everyone's budget and need. Where costs might still be a barrier to groups or individuals, Cumbria Outdoors will try to assist by accessing additional sources of funding.



## Details of what's included

The range of activities available includes:

### Outdoor Activities (Residential and Day Visits)

- Sailing
- Rock Climbing
- Kayaking
- Orienteering
- Caving
- Rafting
- Mountain Walking
- Ghyll Climbing
- Problem Solving
- Canoeing
- Abseiling

### Living History and Curriculum-Specific Residential

- Victorian Christmas Experience
- Voyage on the Titanic Residential
- World War Two Residential Experience
- Environmental Education for Sustainable Living

### Key Stage One Day Activities

- Treasure Island
- Teddy Bears Picnic
- Lake Walk Challenge
- Wild Wood Safari

### Yurt Based Activities

- Journeying
- Nomads
- Survival Skills
- Mongolians





## Cumbria Outdoors continued

### Our centres:

**Hawse End Centre** is a large Victorian mansion that accommodates up to 50 residential places, having the benefit of direct access to the lake and mountains. This was formerly the private country home of the Marshall family, whose daughter was famous for her role in the suffragette movement.

**Hawse End Cottage** - this site accommodates up to 24 residential places in a more informal setting in the grounds of the main centre, overlooking Derwentwater in the heart of the Borrowdale Valley. (It is also available as a Hostel through the YHA 'Escape To...' initiative).

**Yurts at Hawse End Centre** – a Yurt is a portable, felt-covered, wood lattice-framed dwelling structure, traditionally used by nomads in and around Central Asia. We have two modern style, multi purpose, full-sized and weather-resistant Yurts in Hawse End Centre grounds. These are on a large, elevated, wooden platform of their own, with a spectacular view of the Lake and Borrowdale Valley. Each Yurt can comfortably sleep up to 10 children plus 2–3 adults. The Yurts can also be used on a day basis, either for day activities or as a meeting venue. Larger groups can book Hawse End Centre, Cottage and Yurts.

**Fellside Centre** - formerly owned by the Jennings family, and now accommodating up to 38 residential places in a secluded farmhouse setting in the Northern Fells close to Caldbeck. (It is also available as a Hostel through the YHA 'Escape to...' initiative.)

All centres offer warm, homely, comfortable bases for groups to return to after a day in the outdoors. We offer home-cooked healthy food at all our centres beginning with evening meal on the day of arrival. Facilities include bunk-bedded rooms with separate staff accommodation, communal and recreational rooms, work rooms, drying room facilities and ample toilets and showers.

**Scarness Campsite** - this is a private campsite that has access to the shores of Bassenthwaite Lake and surrounding fells directly from the site. Due to restrictions within the National Park, although a large campsite, we can accommodate groups of up to 50 people for educational purposes only.

Cumbria Outdoors centres and provision are available 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year. Visits can be from one day through to residential stays delivered to the duration required by the client. For example, the majority of school visits are either 2 nights/3 days or 4 nights/5 days.



## Charging information

Due to the bespoke nature of our provision all charges are group-specific; however, as a guide, our rate card charges are as follows:

### Accommodation charges

- Under 18's – from £33.50 to £49.00 per person per night fully catered. Price varies according to season.
- Over 18's – £52.00 all year round price per person per night, including enhanced adult menu.

### Residential tuition charges:

- Outdoor leader rates (working with a group of approx. 10 people) – £147.50
- Day activity charges – from £31 per person per day

### Day Visit tuition charges

- Half day charges - from £20 per child / from £23.50 per adult
- Full Day charges – from £32 per child / from £37.50 per adult per full day

### Booking

Prior to your visit you will have one point of contact – the Hawse End Administration Office. It is advisable to contact the office with a choice of dates and group size to place a provisional booking over the phone or by email. This will be held for two weeks giving group leaders time to complete and return a booking form together with a £100 holding fee. A £25 per person deposit will be required 12 weeks prior to arrival.

Bookings can be taken 1–2 years in advance. Booking procedures as mentioned previously. An invoice will be sent to the group approximately two weeks after the visit for the balance of payment.

### Planning

Once group leaders have confirmed the booking they will enter into the planning stage of their visit. During this time a bespoke programme will be negotiated and planned in order to meet the group aims and objectives, as well as within budget restraints. Any programmes of activities delivered by the centre will be agreed, booked, costed and approved by the group leader prior to the start of your visit. Any programme of activities to be self-delivered should be submitted prior to arrival.

### Transport

In addition to in-house course transport (included in the price) Cumbria Outdoors can offer minibus transport, subject to availability, at a minimal cost to and from the centres if your group are travelling within county.

## How to contact us

To enquire about this service, please contact:

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