

LAKE DISTRICT WALKING FOR ALL – STAYING BY DERWENTWATER

Sat 31 May 2014 for 7 or 4 nights – Organiser Mike Garner, tel 01453 873625

An exciting opportunity has arisen for members of our Group to book up for a super flexible holiday in a most attractive location near to Keswick. As well as the usual three levels of **Guided Walking** (easier, medium and harder) as is normal in an HF holiday, there will also be what HF call **Discovery Walks** taking place in the same week, with daily **shorter (3 or 4 mile) gentle walks and sightseeing visits** with another leader. Everyone who books will mix in the evenings. This may prove to be just the job for a member with a partner less keen on walking but wishing to have a holiday in this lovely area.

And, if you are a very keen, strong walker, there is a chance to climb **some challenging mountains**.

We have therefore arranged a provisional booking (held until the end of July) for **12 singles and 6 twins or doubles** at Derwent Bank, starting the holiday on Sat 31 May (after the holiday week) and finishing on Sat 7 June or Wed 4 June. Do not be late to book - first come, first served. If there is demand HF might even be able to accommodate more. However late bookers (after 20 July) will probably have to pay extra.

The hotel is beautifully located in extensive gardens leading down to Derwentwater, with a little jetty on the lake. It's a pleasant walk into Keswick itself.

The choice of walking

HF Holidays run a two week timetable of guided walking, and if the pattern of 2013 is continued, the **Harder** walks would include Scafell Pike, England's highest summit, Helvellyn via Striding Edge and a route up Blencathra described by Wainwright as the finest way to any mountain-top.

Medium walks would include Cat Bells, Buttermere and Black Sail, and Patterdale via Place Fell to Ullswater.

Easier walks would include a walk around and near Crummock Water, Castlerigg Stone Circle, and a visit to the pretty village of Rosthwaite, follow Watendlath Beck, and view Lodore Falls before strolling back along the shores of Derwentwater.

Discovery Walks (3-4 miles long) would include an easy summit to view Keswick, Derwent Water and the Borrowdale valley, Buttermere, Cockermouth, as well as visiting the childhood home of William and Dorothy Wordsworth, Surprise View and much photographed Ashness Bridge, catching a launch back. You would also visit Aira Force, the best waterfall in the lakes, and the Jaws of Borrowdale.

The Wednesday - will be our day off to explore some of the many other attractions of the district - or even do another (self-guided) walk!

Accommodation - The HF house has lawns running down to the lake and there are fantastic views of the fells. There are 32 en-suite bedrooms, all in the main building. Some of the rooms have views over the lake, whilst others face towards the mountains of Cat Bells and Grizedale Pike. **Standard rooms** - comfortable accommodation with an en-suite bathroom, tea and coffee making facilities, television and hairdryer. There are a few double or twin **Premium rooms** which have extra space or exceptional views and in addition to the Standard room facilities have an Alarm clock with iPod player, enhanced toiletries, towelling robe and complimentary slippers. Also these rooms will be available from 12 noon on arrival day.



Scafell Pike, highest mountain in England



Derwent Bank, an idyllic location

GUIDED WALKING, daily except Wednesday:

Harder Day Walks:

9 to 12 miles, between 2,850 and 3,400 feet of ascent in a day.

Medium Day Walks:

8 to 10 miles. between 1,400 and 2,100 feet of ascent in a day.

Easier Day Walks:

6 to 7 miles, between 325 and 1,275 feet of ascent in a day.

DISCOVERY WALKS, daily except Wednesday:

3 to 4 miles with visits and boat trips. **NB** This is a separate holiday package with a dedicated leader.

Whichever holiday you choose, we will all be together for meals and evening activities.

Food - consists of the usual excellent HF full board with an extensive help yourself and/or cooked breakfast, choose your own picnic lunch and sociable evening meal.

Light-hearted optional Social Activities arranged each evening.

Getting there - Keswick is about 5 hours travel from Stroud via M5, M6 and A66. Members are advised to ensure that they have made their transport arrangements as early as possible.

Price of the holiday

7 nights £689 per person (2014 brochure price is £739).

4 nights £469 per person (2014 brochure price is £499).

Single rooms - £5 per night to be added.

Premium rooms - £5 per person per night to be added.

The deposit includes a non-returnable £2 to help defray Group expenses in arranging the holiday. If you cancel, the rest of the deposit is also non-refundable unless your place(s) is/are filled by other members. Please book **now** as the rooms are allocated on a **first come first served** basis. Late bookings might be possible but ring me first and I will check with HF. The balance is payable by 20 February 2014. If you wish to come, please book with a cheque for £80 per person deposit **no later than 20 July**.



*Striding
Edge
from
Helvellyn
3,117 feet*



*Ashness Bridge,
subject of countless snapshots*



*Derwentwater, three miles long and a
mile wide, with several islands, one of
which is inhabited*

HF Holiday in the Lake District - 31 May to 7 or 4 June 2014

To Mike Garner, Southcot, The Headlands, North Woodchester, Stroud GL5 5PS

Please reserve * ONE / TWO places for the holiday at HF Derwent Bank for ___ 7 nights (31 May - 7 June)

@ £689 per person or ___ 4 nights (31 May - 4 June) @ £469 per person. Tick as appropriate COUPLES

___ twin ___ double ___ don't mind. SINGLE ___ (£5 a night extra). All rooms are ensuite.

___ TICK HERE to reserve a Premium Room if one is available (£5 a night per person extra).

I enclose a cheque payable to **South Cotswold Ramblers** for £_____ (£80 per person non-refundable deposit) including £2 per person for Group Expenses in arranging the holiday. Please acknowledge my booking by * email / SAE enclosed. **Please book early and by 20 July to avoid disappointment.** After this date please telephone Mike 01453 873625 to see if there is room - NB this may cost more after 20 July.

Signed Date

*Delete as applicable**

Name 1 * GUIDED Walking / DISCOVERY Walks

Name 2 * GUIDED Walking / DISCOVERY Walks

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