

Cumbria Scouts – Lake District

Ashness Hut & Camp



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Ashness Hut and Camp: NY 272 195. Ashness Hut, just three miles from Keswick, is situated 200 metres up the fellside in a small field. Overlooking Derwentwater and Bassenthwaite, it has one of the finest views in England. It is an ideal location for the mountaineer, rock climber and walker. The lake below provides opportunities for swimming, boating and canoeing. The surrounding woods and the rough moorland above the site are ideal for short orienteering courses.



The campsite provides level sites suitable for several tents in the hut field, accommodating perhaps 12. The hut itself consists of two rooms, the smaller containing three bunks, a Calor gas cooker (cylinders can be exchanged by the warden), work surfaces, and a few pots and pans. The larger room contains 9 bunks. Lighting is by Calor gas lights. A chemical toilet and hut are adjacent. Fires are not allowed on site. As regards water supply, there is a beck nearby and drinking water may be obtained from the warden.

The nearest shops are in Keswick and local attractions include Pencil museum, Keswick museum, leisure pool and boating. The car park is 100 yards away and the site is open all year round.

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The Campsite is situated near Barrow Beck and is three miles from Keswick. The lower building is called the Bark House, and Ashness Hut is 200 yds up the fellside, and over looks a fine view Derwent water and Bassenthwaite. The campsite provides level site suitable for several tents. The Hut can accommodate 12 people & provides bunks, tables, cooker and sink unit. (There is no running water) A Chemical toilet is outside the Hut.

The site provides an ideal opportunity for swimming, boating, canoeing, walking and orienteering. Gas Cylinders can be exchanged at the Warden's House, although provisions must be bought from Keswick.

As you will see from the above description, Ashness hut is quite basic accommodation and you will need to bring your own; sleeping bag, crockery and cutlery i.e. plate, bowl, knife fork and spoon, etc. – No website known about.