



# Lakeland Photographic Holidays Access Statement

## Overview

Lakeland Photographic Holidays has been established for 24 years and is privately owned by John and Gail Gravett. We provide a dedicated photographic centre in the most beautiful part of the English Lake District and offer a range of digital photographic workshops to photographers of all ages and all photographic abilities. 100% of our guests would recommend us to a friend.

We have been here since 1999 and are THE experts on teaching photography in the Lake District and John is recognised as one of the foremost photographic tutors in the UK writing on a regular basis for ePhotozine and a range of Photography magazines.

## Location

Fern Howe enjoys a splendid view from an elevated position across the upper Derwent Valley to the Skiddaw and Blencathra range of mountains with Walla Crag and Cat Bells to the south-east and the Helvellyn range beyond.

The garden leads into five acres of privately owned wooded fell side, which we are preserving as a nature reserve - deer, red squirrel, rabbit and badger are visitors to the woodland and garden.

From the woodland the panorama is completed with breathtaking views of Bassenthwaite Lake and over the Whinlatter Pass towards Grisdale Pike, Causey Pike and Barrow and a glimpse of Derwentwater thrown in for good measure.

Keswick, Derwentwater and Bassenthwaite Lake are 10 minutes away by car. Buttermere and Crummock Water are reached in 20 minutes via Newlands Pass. The M6 (Junction 40) is only 20 miles east along the A66.

People travelling by public transport are recommended to travel to Penrith (on the main Euston to Glasgow line). We recommend that guests take a [bus to Keswick](#) and we will collect from Keswick Bus Station or from Braithwaite. The nearest airports are Newcastle (85 miles), Manchester (100 miles), Glasgow (150 miles).

## Access by Road

Bypass Keswick on the A66 towards Cockermouth.

Two miles past Keswick, turn left into Braithwaite village (B5292).

In the centre of the village turn right opposite the Royal Oak on the narrow upper road (above sign for Holiday Property Bond) and sign B&B 100yds.

In approx. 400 yds. take the fourth slip road on left, just past a small cottage on the right and next to black & white garage, signposted Fern Howe.

Turn into first drive on left and park into tarmac car parking area.

## Access to House

The front door is accessed directly from the car park, up two steps of 9 inches in height. There is a large coir door mat, followed by a vinyl floored hallway. For access to the main rooms such as dining room, lounge and lecture room, these all lead from the

hall. The dining room has vinyl flooring, the other two rooms are carpeted. Our downstairs room - Ullswater - which is our room used by less able bodied guests leads off the hallway. The bedroom is carpeted and the ensuite wetroom has a textured non slip vinyl flooring.

The remaining 6 guest rooms are situated on the first floor which is accessed by a two part carpeted stair way and landing. The stairway has a banister and comprises a run of 15 steps, with a small landing and a run of 3 steps. All the en-suite bedrooms are carpeted and all the en-suite facilities have non slip vinyl flooring.

There is also a second entrance to the house via the back door which is also accessed from the car park. There is a small step (5cms) and door with minor lip in the back room with vinyl flooring. For access to the majority of the main house, there is a small step (10cms) with banister down on to a tiled floor, then through a door to the main hallway mentioned previously.

There are two further guest bedrooms which are accessed from the back room via a straight carpeted staircase of 14 steps, up to a carpeted landing and into the two en-suite bedrooms which are also carpeted, the en-suite facilities have non slip vinyl flooring.

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