

Local activity providers

These are the activity providers and organisations that we work most closely with. However, we are able to recommend other local activity providers and places of interest.

Keswick Museum and Art Gallery (Station Road, Keswick). 3 miles from the hostel. You can walk along the lake shore or get the boat to Keswick. The museum has a modern classroom and plenty of resources for hands-on sessions. Helen Keogh, the Learning Officer, can deliver a variety of workshops for all ages and abilities. The museum and the changing exhibitions in the art gallery bring to life the history, landscape and culture of Keswick and the surrounding area. Workshops include Stone Age Cumbria (KS2), Timeline (KS2), Remembering the First World War, KS1 + 2), Rocking Around (KS1 + 2), Discover Art KS1 + 2), Discovery Visit (KS1 + 2), Numeracy ((KS1 + 2). Learning sessions are 90 minutes and cost £2 per pupil. Helen. keogh@keswickmuseum.org.uk. 017687 73263.

Plattyplus (Lodore boat landings). A flat and easy 1 mile walk from the hostel. John and Sarah Platt provide a variety water sports on Derwent Water, as well as lots of Viking activities, including the opportunity to sail or row a Viking-style boat. www.plattyplus.co.uk. 017687 76572. jplatt@plattyplus.co.uk.

Wordsworth Trust (Dove Cottage, Grasmere). About 15 minute drive from the hostel. Guided tours of Dove Cottage (former home of the poet William Wordsworth), permanent and changing exhibitions in the Wordsworth Museum, research opportunities in the Jerwood Centre, and a variety of half or full day workshops with the education officer. The education officer can also come to the hostel. www.wordsworth.org.uk. education@wordsworth.org.uk. 01534 35544.

National Trust (Borrowdale officers come to the hostel). Environmental activities in the grounds and local area. Farm visits and woodland management. 50 things to do before you're 11 $\frac{3}{4}$. There are good discounts if the school has National Trust membership. We will make the arrangements with the National Trust.

Glaramara (instructors come to the hostel). Adventure activities with minibus transport and equipment provided. Activities include archery, problem solving, ghyll scrambling, rock climbing, abseiling, and walking. www.glaramara.co.uk. 017687 77222.

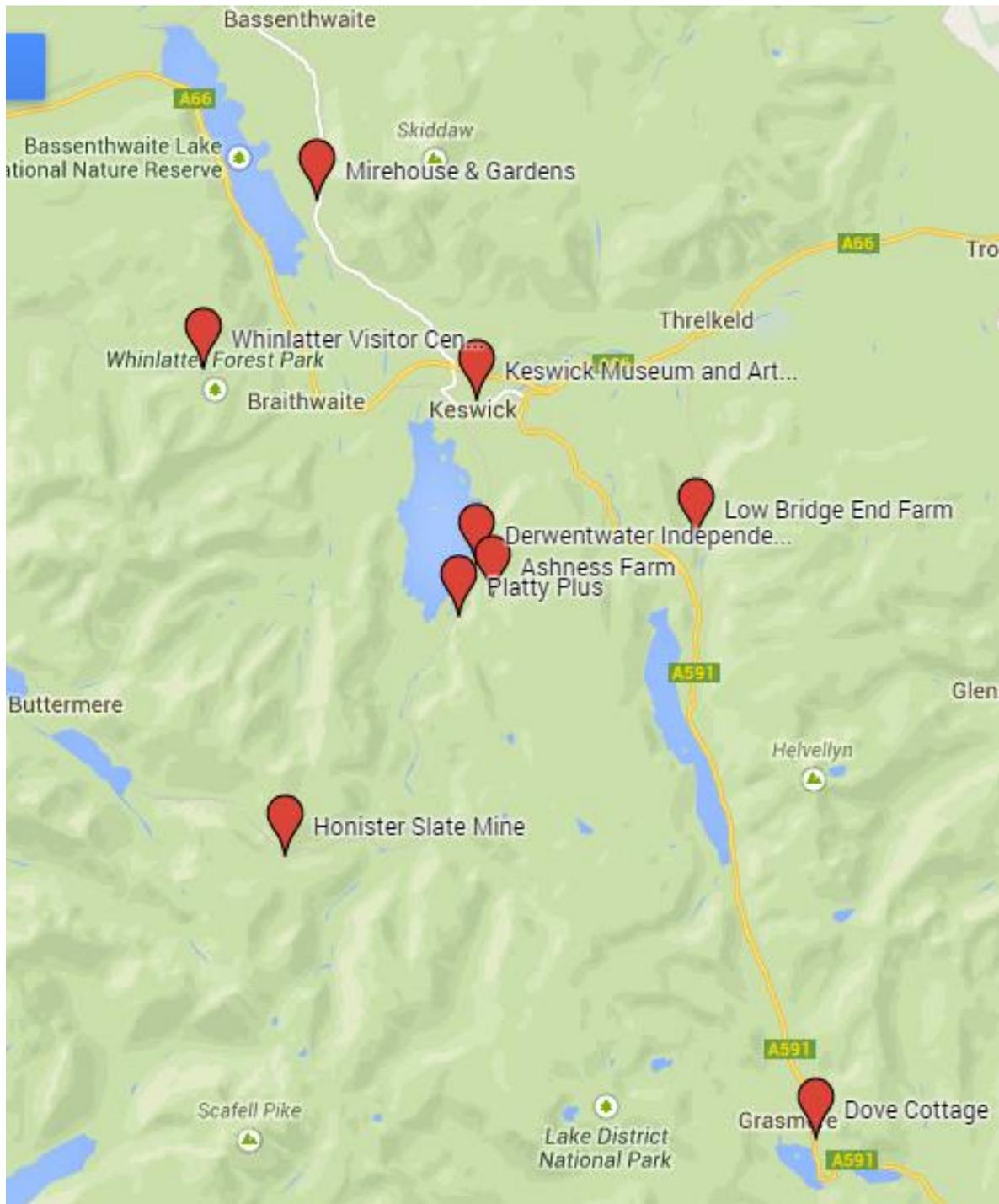
Classrooms in the Forest at Whinlatter Forest Park (7 mile drive from the hostel). A wide range of programmes for Key Stages 1 – 4, with experienced outdoor educationalists Phil and Barbara. They can also come to the hostel to do activities in the grounds. 015396 24364. classrooms.forestspjc@gmail.com.

Low Bridge End Farm (St John's in the Vale, near Castlerigg Stone Circle and Threlkeld). A 7 mile drive from the hostel or a medium-level walk. A Higher Level Stewardship farm which offers free educational visits for a range of subjects. They have an excellent tree trail and lots of different farm animals. 017687 79242. info@campingbarn.com. www.campingbarn.com.

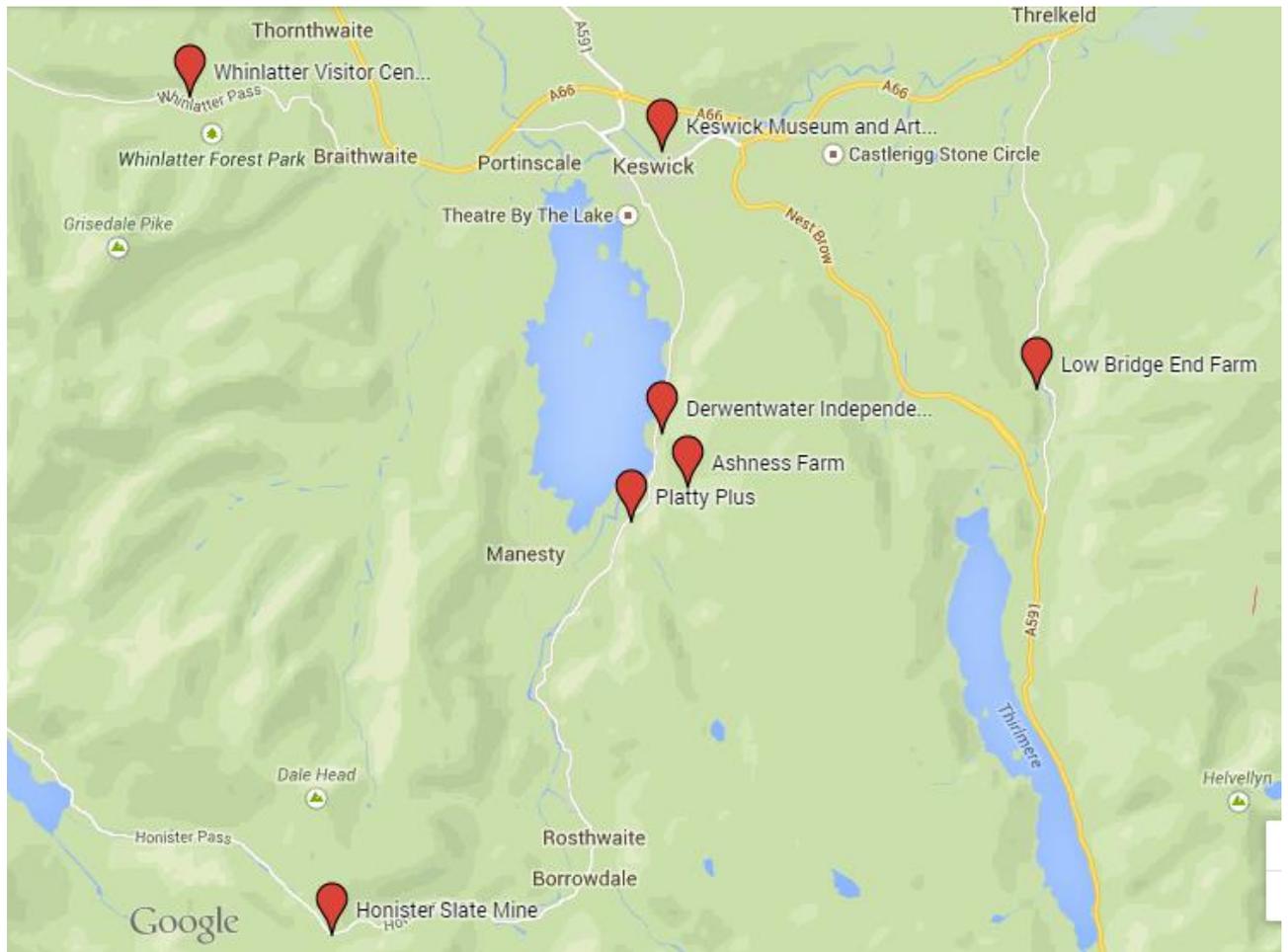
Honister Slate Mine (7 mile drive from hostel, at the top of the Honister Pass, between Borrowdale and Buttermere). A range of guided tours above and below ground, tailored to group interests and ages. Via Ferrata and 'Climb inside the Mine' are adventurous activities but the guide can develop particular topics through them (Geology and Social History for instance). Glaramara instructors can also lead Via Ferrata excursions. www.honister.com. 017687 77230.

Cumbria Wildlife Trust. Education officers can come to the hostel and deliver a variety of workshops in our grounds and the local area. Approximately £160 per day plus travel expenses. Jamie Normington: jamien@cumbriawildlife.org.uk. 01539 816300. www.cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk.

Mirehouse (7 miles away, opposite Dodd Wood, near the shore of Bassenthwaite Lake). There is a bus stop at the entrance, serviced by the X4 from Keswick. 4 outdoor adventure playgrounds, a poetry trail, and guided tours of the house. Education sessions for a range of subjects, but particularly Geography, History, Religious Education, and English. April – to October. Mirehouse.com. info@mirehouse.com. 017687 72287.



Map 1. The location of the activity providers we work most closely with.



Map 2. The location of the activity providers we work most closely with (Mirehouse and Wordsworth Trust not shown here).