

Ideas for car free days out

Cobble Hey Trail

Take a leisurely stroll down the track from the cottage to Cobble Hey Farm and Gardens. (Use the printed walk in the Visitor Information file entitled 'Broadgate/Landskill/Cobble Hey Trails', starting the walk at point 9 on the trail).

On the way take time out to use the bird hide to spot wading birds, such as lapwing, snipe, curlew and redshank and local wildlife, such as brown hares, pheasants and partridge. Make a note of the wildlife that you spot and record it in the nature diary when you return to the cottage.

When you reach Cobble Hey there is a play area where the children can have fun, have a look at the rare breed animals, wander around the beautiful, tranquil gardens, browse around the unusual gifts in the small gift shop, enjoy fine, locally produced food in the traditional tea room.

When you are ready to leave Cobble Hey follow the printed walk (points 1 to 9) to complete the Cobble Hey via Landskill circular walk, 4km in total. This will take you up Peacock Hill following the lapwing wooden way markers. There are spectacular 360 degree views from the top of the hill.

The walk then continues across the fields to Delph Lane. Go through the metal gate and head diagonally down across the field following the footpath sign to Calder Vale and St John's Church. Follow the path down to the farm track and turn left to head back to Higher Landskill Farm and Caldertop Cottage.

Grizedale and Bleasdale Cycle Ride

Enjoy a lovely cycle ride around the western edge of the Forest of Bowland, following quiet lanes and take in the unspoilt beauty of Grizedale and Bleasdale.

Set off on your bike from Caldertop Cottage and join the route just South of Oakenclough between points 2 and 3. Follow the route description from point 3 onwards to point 18, and then return to points 1 and 2 to complete the circular ride and return to Caldertop Cottage.

On your way spend some time in the village of Chipping. Refreshments are available at The Cobbled Corner, Sun Inn and Taltson Arms. Enjoy the beautiful views of the area from Beacon Fell Country Park and take time to explore the forest walks, visitor centre and café.

Before returning to Caldertop Cottage have a wander around Scorton village. Visit 'The Barn' plant & garden centre, gift shop, coffee bar and orchard garden and 'The Priory' restaurant, cafe bar and outdoor lifestyle shop.

As you ride back to Oakenclough and Caldertop Cottage take in the views of Blackpool, Fleetwood, Morecambe Bay and the Isle of Man on a clear day.

A leaflet showing the route is available at the cottage or can be downloaded from our website.

Cycle hire is available locally and cycles can be delivered to the cottage.