

A Perfect Weekend at Manesty

Our luxury cottage, **Cocklety How Byre**, is available for long weekends throughout the year, as is **Cocklety How Stable Loft**. Our studio apartment, **Cocklety How Studio**, and shepherd's hut, **Tommy Bit**, offer 2 night breaks. Other cottages are available for short breaks out of season. For a really relaxing break, why not leave the car behind; there are excellent **fast train connections** from Euston to Penrith.

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

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Friday

We suggest arriving in Penrith around lunchtime: the **09:30 from London Euston** gets to Penrith at 12:29. You can then take a look around the ruins of **Penrith Castle** opposite the railway station, or have lunch at **Café Oswald's in Cranstons**, an award winning speciality food store and butcher's, about 500m down the road right out of the station (pick up some Cumberland sausage too!). Then take the **13:21 X5** bus, arriving in Keswick at 14:02. The bus stop is directly in front of **Booths**, an excellent local supermarket specialising in locally sourced produce. They also sell maps and guide books. If you haven't ordered a grocery delivery cottage, you can do your food run for the weekend here.

Then take the **15:30 77A**, asking to be dropped off at Manesty Holiday Cottages. The bus takes a spectacular route above **Derwentwater**: for the best views, sit on the left!

This will get you to Manesty at about 15:45. Settle in, then get your bearings by **walking to the lake** through Saltwell Park and back via Manesty Woods (orange 'Walk from the Door' #8). Top tip: for the best views, take the little paths that follow the shoreline.

Alternatively, if you're working on Friday, take the **16:57 or the 18:30 train** from Euston, arriving in Penrith 20:09 or 21:33. Connect with the **20:21 X4 or the 21:41 X5** bus to Keswick, where you can pick up a **taxi** for the last 5 miles to Manesty.

For dinner, consider picking up one of **Booths'** locally sourced meals.

Saturday

For breakfast, stroll the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to **Grange Café**. Then take the **78 bus** from Grange Bridge to **Keswick** and explore the town on **market day**. Pick up food for a picnic at **Bryson's bakery** on Main Street and take it down to the lakeshore to eat at Friar's Crag, where you get excellent views up Borrowdale.

Return to Manesty on the **launch**, to either Lodore or High Brandelhow (for a short walk home) or Low Brandelhow or Hawes End (for a little longer along the lakeshore). Alternatively, get off the launch at Ashness, and walk up Ashness Lane towards Watendlath. Take in '**Surprise View**' from where you can see Manesty and Keswick, and cross the picturesque **Ashness Bridge**, before dropping down via Ladder Brow to **High Lodore Farm** for afternoon tea. Then cross the valley to return to Manesty.

Have dinner out at the **Borrowdale Gates** about 10 minutes' walk from Manesty.

Sunday

The day for **Catbells**. No need to set out early, as the path starts at Manesty and even at a slow pace it will take less than an hour to get to the top. On Summer Sundays the tiny school room of **Newlands Old School** in Littletown, attached to a pretty whitewashed church, becomes a café selling homemade afternoon teas. Then make your way to the **Swinside Inn** in Newlands for a pub lunch. Return to Manesty by the bridleway above the lake.

Spend the afternoon and evening preparing and enjoying the **Hot Tub**.

Monday

Hail the **77A** as it goes past Manesty at about 08:50 or 09:50 and take a guided tour round **Honister Slate Mines** (they'll look after your bags while you're underground; book your tour in advance). Then either hop back on the bus at **11:09** or **12:09** or stay for lunch and try the **Via Ferrata**, returning to Keswick on the **14:09** or **16:09**. This trip takes a scenic tour of Buttermere, Lorton and **Whinlatter Forest**, where you can also spend a few hours: there is a **forest visitor centre**, **Osprey World**, a **café** and the high ropes course **Go Ape**. The 77A buses arrive in Keswick at **12:11, 13:11, 15:11 and 17:11**.

Finally, take the **17:20 X4** from Keswick arriving at Penrith station at 17:56, to connect with either the **18:06 or 19:00 train** which arrive in Euston at 21:25 and 22:25.