



Black Sail - Lakes

(Youth Hostel - Sole Use)

Friday-Sunday
1-2 Sept 2018

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216 mls from Hinckley (3hrs 50 mins). M6. Take J. 40 and take the A66 Westbound. Just after Keswick, turn into Portinscale and follow the road to Buttermere., over Honister pass. Gatesgarth Farm is at the bottom of the pass, end of Buttermere. Fee?

Walking: Location, location, location - and YHA Black Sail has it. You haven't been to the Lakes until you've stayed at Black Sail. It's the kind of landscape that is beautiful even in poor conditions. Remote and accessible only on foot, it's a rural retreat that lovers of the great outdoors can normally only dream about. Located in a traffic-free valley that is being returned to a 'wild' state, it's as tranquil as a stay in the Lakes gets. Great Gable, Pillar, Red Pike and Steeple. It's all here. Featured in Countryfile, Wainwrights Walks, and every walking magazine ever printed, we stayed here as a club in 2016 and vowed to return. Inevitably, we will fill this meet early in the year, so be prepared to be either smug, or disappointed!

Climbing: Apparently, the birthplace of climbing -Pillar. The first recorded ascent of Pillar Rock was made in 1826 by John Atkinson of Croftfoot, Ennerdale. His route, known as the Old West Route, is still classed as a rock climb, albeit one graded Moderate.

Up to about 150m high, its a large complex high mountain crag with a great history of classic routes - needs a reasonably dry spell. Yes, it's a long way but the crag is superb and remote.

MTB: Black Sail pass-Wasdale - Sty head - Seathwaite - Honister pass (road) - Warnscale bottom - Scarth Gap pass - Black Sail. A great day. (about1400m climbing and 4 passes).

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16 BEDS: 3 dorms sleeping 4;4 & 8 with 2 loos, 1 shower, limited power supply. Large common/dining room.. Bedding provided.. There are no electric sockets and mobile phone coverage is limited. Brilliant.

STUFF you need to know: You must be prepared to walk to and from Black Sail. Go over Scarth Gap in between Haystacks and High Crag. It's a rather steep track and a little slippery in the wet, but it will be sunny for us! Nearest parking is Gatescarth Farm, Buttermere (2 1/2 mls) or maybe even Honister.

BEST PUB : None. Buy beer/wine at the hostel., unless you're a Sherpa.

COST: £80 for the weekend. We voted on a fully catered package to avoid lugging stuff. **This includes evening meal both Fri & Sat; Breakfast Sat & Sun too.** Nearly everyone appears to have Friday off, due to the stroll in - and dinner is at 7pm.

I'm taking butties to cover both days, probably staying elsewhere on Thurs night too.

