

This is our third January meet based at our 'reciprocal rights* pad' in the Lake District, so it is fast becoming a 'tradition'. The Agnes Spencer Hut is a pleasant mountaineering hut with an open plan living area heated by a central coke stove. The kitchen is well-equipped with 2 electric cookers, microwave, fridges, pans and utensils, crockery and cutlery. There are male and female toilets and a shower room.

The upstairs dormitory provides matratzenlager (sleeping bench with mattresses) accommodation and it is warmed by the flue from the coke stove. You need a warm sleeping bag and a pillow.

Full details: www.clevelandmc.com

Location: between Patterdale and Glenridding down the lane opposite the road leading to Grisedale. Grid ref. NY391162, post Code CA11 0PJ.

Parking for 6 cars **only** to the side of the hut. There are houses nearby with their own parking which is not available for hut users. There is usually some informal parking in front of the George Starkey Hut ½ mile towards Patterdale, and a pay and display car park in Glenridding ½ mile the other way.

The hut will be open by 4pm on Friday afternoon.

Day visitors should arrive by 9am each day.

You should book with the Meet Booking Secretary to ensure a bed space, but you don't need to send any money. You pay just for the nights you stay at members' rate which is £5 a night, making payment according to the instructions in the hut at the end of your stay.

This meet is the first of the year and in the middle of January we hope for winter conditions. If the weather obliges, the best winter mountaineering in the Lake District is within walking distance of the hut.

Possibilities include:

Striding Edge and Swirral Edge

Snow and ice climbing in the gullies of Nethermost Cove and leading from Red Tarn to the summit of Helvellyn

Pinnacle Ridge of St Sunday Crag

The circuit of Deepdale

Ski mountaineering on Raise and the western side of Helvellyn.

Industrial archaeology of Greenside Lead Mines below Raise.

Using the Ullswater steamer service to start or end linear walks.

As usual, the weather will probably be the determining factor in what we decide to do and choice of activities will be decided each morning when we have sized up the situation, but if you bring full winter mountaineering gear, plenty of warm clothes and several sets of waterproofs, you should be able to deal with every eventuality.

If anyone wishes to stay for longer than the weekend, our reciprocal arrangement with the Cleveland Mountaineering Club allows us to use 4 of the beds in the members' bedroom at any time. If you are interested, contact Key Holder Judy Wilshaw by 3rd January 2019 and I will provide you with a hut key to use outwith the days of the official meet. Tel 0161 427 7285, email wilshaw88@btinternet.com

**Reciprocal rights = using the Cleveland Mountaineering Club hut on the same basis as their own members.*