



[Directions to Low Gillerthwaite Field Centre, Ennerdale, CA23 3AX](#)

Overview:

Welcome to Low Gillerthwaite Field Centre! Here's an easy-to-follow guide to reach us. Please consider carpooling whenever possible, and keep in mind that certain roads aren't suitable for coaches. Coaches are not recommended due to narrow and challenging routes.

From the South (A6, M6) or East (A65, A66):

The best route is via Keswick or the Keswick bypass. If you're coming from the M6, take exit 40 (Penrith) and follow the A66 to Keswick. Alternatively, if you're driving through the central lakes from junction 36, take the A590-A591 to Keswick.

From the North (A7, A74, A69):

Drive through Carlisle on the A595 to the A66 or go via Cockermouth and the A5086 Egremont road to join at point 3.

Route to Follow:

Head towards Cockermouth on the A66 if you're bypassing Keswick.

After 12.5 miles from Keswick, turn LEFT (South) at the roundabout for Egremont A5086.

Continue south for 6 miles; in Lamplugh, turn LEFT (not the first Lamplugh Green/Church turn) near the row of cottages with a streetlamp.

Look for the signpost: Lamplugh Church/Loweswater 5, and the street named CROSSGATES. There's a public phone box on the left.

From the South Lakes (A595):

At the roundabout north of Egremont, go RIGHT (northeast) onto the A5086 (Cockermouth, Cleator Moor). After 8 miles, turn right at the signpost: Lamplugh Green/Loweswater 5/Buttermere 11, and follow the brown Caravan & Camping sign.

Continuing on the Route:

Half a mile later, turn SOUTH towards Croasdale and Ennerdale Lake.

Watch out for sharp bends in the next 2 miles, followed by a descent down the steep hill (Cauda Brow) with more hairpin bends.

Reach a T-junction, and turn LEFT into Croasdale (Crossdale on the sign).

Pass the last public phone box on the left and follow the road as it curves RIGHT.

Drive 2.5 miles to Ennerdale Forest and lake, crossing a cattle grid; 200 meters later, you'll reach a gate, which marks the end of the public road. (Note that GPS signal might be weak here.)

Bowness Knott car park is on the left.

THIS IS A WORKING FOREST, and there may be large harvesting and contractors' vehicles operating. Occasionally there will also be other signs and obstructions to watch out for.

Proceed through the gate; you're authorized to enter if you're visiting us. **NB the gate has a combination lock; the Warden will provide the code upon your booking.** Please close **and re-lock** the gate after you

Drive at 15 mph, as the forest road is rough.

Drive cautiously due to pedestrians and potential dust.

After 2 miles, you might spot our premises on the right. Continue another 200 meters to the turning area opposite the YHA (as indicated on the Forestry sign).

Do a U-turn and return to our access track.

Bear left down the Low Gillerthwaite access track and find the Warden's flat on the left.

Unload in the barn (large black doors on the right), then park by the hedge in the car park.

If you have trouble finding a spot, ask the Warden for assistance; we'll help you find parking.

Approaching from Cleator Moor or Kirkland via Ennerdale Bridge:

From Ennerdale Bridge's school, follow signs towards Ennerdale Water and Croasdale. Disregard the two right turns to Ennerdale Lake and the right turn marked "Unsuitable for motor vehicles." After about a mile, follow the route mentioned above from Croasdale.

For Coaches (not recommended):

Large coaches might struggle with the sharp bends at Cauda Brow and the LGFC access track. Coach drivers may prefer the road via Kirkland and Ennerdale Bridge on the A5086.

If your vehicle is too long to manoeuvre in our yard or car park, consult the Warden before starting. Some large vehicles have reversed down our access track in the past.

We're excited to welcome you to Low Gillerthwaite Field Centre!