

## LAKE DISTRICT MEET - BORROWDALE

**Dates:** 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> July 2008

**Meet Leader:** Ian Smith / Emma Bastock

**Accommodation:** Hollows Farm, Grange-in-Borrowdale, Cumbria, CA12 5UQ Tel: 01768 777298

Following our successful meet in Langdale last year, we thought we would branch out and explore the wonders of Borrowdale.

**Climbing:** **Shepherd's Crag** is within walking distance of the campsite and is widely revered as the best crag in the Lakes. Quality routes across the grades, ease of access and good quick drying rock combine to make this an excellent location. Classics include Little Chamonix\*\*\* V Diff, Jackdaw Ridge \*\* V Diff, Donkey's Ears\*\* S, Troutdale Pinnacle \*\*\* S, Monolith Crack\*\* HVS, The Bludgeon\*\*\* E1, Fisher's Folly\*\*\* VS, Kransic Crack Direct\*\*\* HVS, Adam\*\*\* VS, Eve\*\*\* VS, Arduis\*\*\* MVS, Aaros\*\*\* E1, Finale\*\*\* HVS, Brown Slabs Direct\*\*\* V Diff, Brown Slabs Arete\*\*\* Diff, Brown Slabs Face\*\* V Diff, Wild Sheep\*\*\* E2, Porcupine\*\* E3 and with nearly 30 climbs up to MVS, 24 at VS, 23 at HVS and over 50 routes from E1 to E3 there is enough here alone to keep most people happy.

Other crags in the area include the Grange crags, Quayfoot Buttress and Bowderstone Crag all within easy reach of the campsite.

**Bouldering:** The Bowderstone (GR 254 164) has been a mecca for hard bouldering in The Lakes for many years. With well over 45 problems to tackle, a lot of which are in the higher grades, there is plenty to go at. Honister Boulders (GR 217 144) – several large boulders visible from the road. Marked on the map as Maidenstone

**Campsite:** The campsite is set in an idyllic woodland location next to the River Derwent. The facilities include showers, toilets and running water. Well behaved dogs welcome. No campfires allowed. Charcoal only BBQs are allowed. £5.00 per person per night. Children 5-15yrs £2.00ppn. See [www.hollowsfarm.co.uk](http://www.hollowsfarm.co.uk) for more information. We will be camping on the main field – not the Group Field.

**Directions:** Jn 36 of M6, take the A590 then A591 to eventually pick up A5271 through Keswick then pick up the B5289 Borrowdale Road, approx 3.5 miles from the campsite. Follow road alongside Derwent Water and then river to the village. Turn right at Grange, go over 2 bridges and through the village. Turn left down the side of the café (narrow, rubble track turning to tarmac) to campsite.

**Maps/Guides:** Ordnance Survey Explorer OL4 The English Lakes – North-western area. Borrowdale F&RCC Guide, Scrambles & Easy Climbs in the Lake District – Jon Sparks & Judith Brown.

**Walking:** Scrambles in the area include Gate Gill - grade 2 with grade 3 options, Sour Milk Gill - grade varies, Seathwaite Upper Slabs - grade 1 or 3, Gillercombe Crag: North East Buttress – grade 2 and Cam Crag Ridge – grade 2. There is so much walking in this area it's hard to know where to begin! Why not take the Cumbria Way, Allerdale Ramble from the campsite up the west side of Derwent Water then follow smaller paths or the Borrowdale Road back along the east side to the campsite – approx 16km. Alternatively, follow the path through the woods to the Scafell Hotel in Rosthwaite to sample the wares of the Riverside Climbers Bar.

Full details of these walks and others in the area will be available from Emma Bastock at the meet. If there is somewhere you'd particularly like to visit, let me know and I'll see if I can find a walk for you.

**If you need any further information or have any questions, please contact Emma on 07841 482469 or Ian on 07930 950385. Hope to see you there.**