

UK Alpine Introductory Meet

8th – 10th June 2018



George Starkey Hut, Patterdale, NE Lakes

Main Road (A592), Patterdale Village, Cumbria. Nearest Postcode: CA11 0NN

Grid Ref – NY 396162 (OS Outdoor Leisure Map No 5)

Meet Details:

This is a training meet based at the George Starkey Hut, Patterdale, in the Lake District. The focus will be on transferring skills to Aspirant Members who wish to improve their alpine skills and to Full Members in need of a refresher after a break from alpine climbing. Informal training and guidance will be provided from more experienced members within the club led by piolet d'or winner Sandy Allen. Topics will range from what to put into your rucksack to some basic Alpine mountaineering skills.

Directions:

You will be responsible for your own transport but lift shares / pick-ups may be possible closer to the time.



From Windermere (the south):

In Windermere, turn right onto the A592 and follow it up over the Kirkstone Pass and down into Patterdale Village. The hut is an old school building on the right, about 350m after the White Lion Pub, just after the new school.

From the North:

Leave the M6 at Junction 40, and take the A66 towards Keswick. At the first roundabout (Rheged), take the A592 past Ullswater into Patterdale Village. The hut is an old school

building on the left, about 150m after the church.

Parking: Car park at the rear of the hut. If we park carefully then we can probably fit everyone in. If there isn't space, please park considerately on the road outside the hut.

Accommodation:

George Starkey Hut

For anyone who hasn't used British club huts before, they are a bit like fairly basic, un-staffed alpine huts. This one has:

Kitchen: Fully equipped – (Pots, pans, utensils, crockery, and cutlery are provided.)

Sitting/Dining: Large room with tables and dining chairs, plus comfy chairs and fire.



Showers: Male/female washrooms with toilets, washbasins, and hot showers.

Sleeping: Bunks with mattresses and pillows are provided, but please bring everything else that you may need – sleeping bags, pillow cases etc. There are three dorms (marked male, female and members).

Connectivity: Phone signal is likely to be poor – however the local pubs may have better signal or complimentary WIFI.

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Cleaning: We will need to give the hut a clean when we leave. Cleaning stuff will be provided by the hut.

Food and Drink

Generally on meets, people fend for themselves, so please bring whatever you are likely to need for breakfasts and lunches.

Saturday evening: Communal meal (optional). If you would like to join in and/or cook please let me know. Also please let me know if you have any dietary allergies or aversions. We'll divide the cost of this between those who partake – please bring a few pounds in loose change so we can reimburse people in cash.

Local Facilities

There is a pub and a hotel within walking distance.

The Post office in Patterdale has a few supplies and there are a couple of small shops in Glenridding.



Activities

This will be based on feedback from the application form and preferences of members and trainers on the trip.

The presumption is that most people have at least some Alpine experience and some prior domestic mountaineering background. Friday evening should be an ideal time to meet people and make arrangements for the weekend ahead. You will be responsible for providing your own equipment / maps / guidebooks.

We ask that people leave brief details of where they are going, and an estimated return time for safety reasons.

Friday Evening

Arrival Time: TBC. Please indicate an estimated time of arrival when booking. Should you find yourself arriving before the hut is opened up, then the White Lion Inn would seem to be a good place to seek temporary shelter and sustenance.

Saturday Evening

Other than socialising, eating, drinking, and chatting, there may be the opportunity of an informal presentation from one of the guides.

Cost

Attendees: £30.00 for the weekend (Friday and Saturday nights) to cover the cost of accommodation and expenses of trainers.

Please make cheques payable to Giles Robertson to the address below (or request details for a bank transfer). Payment in advance is essential to secure a space.

Contact

Reservations essential. Please send any queries and your booking forms and payment to:

Giles Robertson

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Please let us know if you would like any additional nights and we will try to arrange this.