



**Skiddaw Friends of Nature House,
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Welcome to Skiddaw Friends of Nature House! Skiddaw House is a century-old cottage, formerly used by shepherds and gamekeepers. It is the highest hostel in Britain at 1550 feet/470 metres above sea level and is three miles/five kms from the nearest road.

The House:

The rustic and cosy self catering house includes 20 beds in 4 dormitories, flush toilets, gas ring cookers, limited hot water and wood burning stoves. All of which help create a very special atmosphere in a unique landscape. The house is open for most of the year, but it is recommended that you make sure it is open before travelling, or make a reservation.

Open Season:

Please check for the dates that we are open.

Skiddaw Friends of Nature House is a remote Youth Hostel, but can offer the following facilities:

- * The house opens at 5pm each day, but there is shelter available during the day if needed.
- * 20 beds in 4, 5 and 6 bedded rooms.
- * Hot water, shower and indoor toilets.
- * A gas-heated drying room.
- * A self-catering kitchen. A 'Help Yourself' breakfast is available for £2.75 per person.
- * A small shop selling basic supplies.
- * A comfortable common room with coal and wood burning stove.
- * 24v lighting. There is no mains electricity so please bring a torch.
- * Camping is available

The local area:

The landscape nearby is full of interest for naturalists, (including a S.S.S.I. - Site of Special Scientific Interest) and the fine series of waterfalls at Whitewater Dash are only 1.5 miles north-west. The rest of the open fell country, known locally as 'Back o' Skiddaw', provides some delightful walking.

Full information at: www.naturefriends.org.uk or www.thefriendsofnature.org.