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LET'S LOOK AFTER THE LAKE DISTRICT

Days out from Isaac's Byre

Day four

Explore the local area.

Follow the South Tyne Trail/Pennine way to Alston. See rare wild flowers, salmon jumping, ducks, herons, water voles (water rats) sometimes you can see otters too.

You will arrive into Alston past the Youth Hostel. Walk along the road past the Spar to The Cumberland Hotel renowned for its local beers and excellent home cooked or up the cobbled street to The Angel Inn. Either walk back to Garrigill or (before you leave the cottage) make arrangements with cottage owners for a lift back to Isaac's Byre

A swim and a sauna at St John's pool in Garrigill is an idea for something to do this evening after your long walk.

Day Five

Today we recommend you drive to Killhope Lead Mining Museum. Here you will find an excellent café, woodland walks where you can see red squirrels, and the old washing floor where boys as young as 8 worked.

We recommend the mine tour and a visit to the Mine shop. There is also an exhibition of rag rugs. If you look at the rugs on the floor of the mine shop you will find one made by Judith-Ann with the guides and youngsters at school.

If you are very patient you could order one to be made by Judith-Ann. It usually takes her a year to make! Ask to see how they are made.

Check that the Weardale Museum is open. Well worth a visit another five miles or so towards Durham.

Day six

For the energetic we recommend a walk up Cross Fell. It is a 15 mile walk there and back but on a clear day you can see the Solway Firth. Actually see the sea glistening in the sunshine. Stout footwear and full outdoor kit is required. We can arrange hire of items if necessary.

For those less mobile either walk or take the car to Whitesyke mine just ½ mile from here. Walk alongside the stream and see wildflowers, remains of lead mining and often stones glistening with quartz

If you prefer a drive to see the views over the lakes and the Solway Firth take the A686 towards Penrith and park at Hartside Café. Make the journey on a clear day to be able to enjoy the views.

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