

Cockermouth is a perfect base for visiting the West Lakes and fells, which have the advantage of being quieter than the Central Lakes, but are every bit as beautiful. Having said that, the Lake District is small enough to tour all of it from Cockermouth. It is also only about eight miles to the Solway Coast with long stretches of sandy beach and wonderful sunsets. This is a superb place to walk dogs as, unlike some places, the beaches are not restricted.

The city of Carlisle is a drive of about twenty five miles and is well worth a visit. It boasts a fine old Castle, a delightful old Cathedral and an excellent Museum. The centre of the city has been virtually re-built but was tastefully done in the original design. Hadrians Wall, the old Roman wall starts just north of Carlisle and runs up through the Border Country.

Cockermouth has a great number of good Restaurants, Takeaways and Pubs that serve bar meals. There are supermarkets that stay open late, all within one mile from Simonscales Mill. The nearest train station is at Workington (8 miles) and Cockermouth is on the long haul bus route from Whitehaven to London.



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Simonscales Mill

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This old mill was, in the past, used as both a flax and bobbin mill and lies in the most beautiful setting on the banks of the River Cocker and forms part of the owners five acre smallholding. It has been tastefully converted for all to enjoy, but thoughtfully adapted for wheel-chair users too. The private patio over-looks the river, with all it's wonderful wildlife: Herons, Dippers, Moorhens, the occasional Kingfisher a host of Mallards and Goosanders. Apart from the river-life, the birds are numerous, from the tiny Wren and Tree-creepers, the colourful Chaffinch, Robin and at least four kinds of Tits, to the mighty Buzzards calling as they circle over-head. There are sometimes Red squirrels feeding in the garden. Two Otters have been seen on the river this year.

Simonscales offers the peace and tranquillity of the countryside, yet is just a beautiful, one and a half mile walk to the bustling market town of Cockermouth, the birth place of William Wordsworth, Lakelands treasured Poet. Wordsworth's house is open to the public. The walk, from Simonscales, follows a well trodden path along the river banks, over a little foot-bridge into Harris Park, which lies on the edge of the town.



The Cottage has a studio style lounge/kitchen and dining room in the conservatory, which are all tastefully furnished. The kitchen has a good range of units, electric cooker, microwave, fridge/freezer, mixer and toaster. All crockery, cutlery and utensils are supplied. In the conservatory there is an washer machine and dryer, although there is out-door drying too. The patio has B.B.Q. and furniture.

The master bedroom has twin beds, one is an adjustable electric bed. The ensuite bath-room has toilet, wash hand basins, bath and 'wet room' area. There is ample room for a wheel-chair and has plenty of rails and handles, a shower chair is available.

The second bedroom is a double with ensuite shower-room with toilet, basin and shower. Clean bedding, towels and tea-towels are provided and the beds are ready made up for your arrival. A cot and high chair are available on request.

The lounge has a two sofas, one of which is a sofa bed, and one adjustable chair, colour free view T.V. and C.D./DVD player.

There is under floor heating in the lounge area and oil filled electric heater in the rest of the cottage. The electric is paid on a £1 coin meter.

The conservatory overlooks the two islands in the river that formed part of the old weir and sluice gates, long gone I am afraid.

There is ample parking for two cars, with plenty of room to manoeuvre wheel-chairs, adjacent to the cottage. Pets are welcome as long as they don't chase the owners donkeys, shetland pony and peacocks. We also have two dogs.

Our cottage is non-smoking.

For our smaller guests there is a play area with a climbing frame, swings and slides. These facilities are available subject to parental supervision. Every care has been taken to conform to safety standards, however, the management will accept no responsibility for accidents.