

# Keswick View - Gail's Favourite Things to Do

## Places to eat

**Mason's** on Lake Road has a good selection of food at both lunchtime and evening meal which will appeal to all tastes. The relaxed style of the café/restaurant is well organised with a warm and welcoming atmosphere. You choose food from a buffet style arrangement and then take your seat while the dish is prepared. We've never waited long and generally the service is very efficient and friendly. Popular with theatre goers.

**George Fisher's café** on the top floor offers a great menu for lunch and snacks. It has 'homemade' dishes that are just delicious, one of my favourites is the broth, very warming and wholesome after a walk (or shopping). The service is excellent but it's best to be an early bird as the café is fairly small.

**Local pubs** including the Oddfellows, the George, and the Four in Hand offer a good range of food and have a wonderful traditional feel. It's great to get away from theme pubs and theme style menus that seem to have invaded most towns. For something more modern, but individual, there are a few bars such as Bar 26 and Sweeney's that are very popular too.

## Local walks

**Castlehead** is one of our family favourites and a real gem of the Lakes with fantastic panoramic views over Derwent water and surrounding hillsides. It's a short walk (1 mile) from the centre of Keswick and fairly easy to access for all ages.

The **Lake walk** is lovely and is easily accessed, you simply follow the path all the way around Derwent water. You can hop on and off the lake launch at particular points if you want to make the walk shorter to suit your needs. It's great to take a picnic and take time to relax on this less strenuous walk.

## Places to visit

The road that takes you from Keswick to **Grasmere** is delightful with magnificent views as you descend into the village. Grasmere is well worth a visit with local shops, galleries, visitor attractions, lovely walks and eateries that will entertain all the family happily for at least a day.

**Rheged** at Penrith offers a wide range of interesting and specialist shopping as well as exhibitions and the fantastic IMAX cinema with a selection of films to see.

The **Theatre by the Lake** in Keswick is highly recommended and provides good entertainment that will make you want to go back time and again. We are regulars and really love the theatre's repertoire and versatility in presenting plays. The local Keswick **cinema** is also worth a visit to see one of the films on offer.

I find that whatever the weather and all year round, **Keswick and the surrounding area** has a wide range of facilities and visitor attractions that keep everyone entertained – as couples, friends or family you can enjoy a very happy holiday!