Bowland Retreat's Guidebook

Pubs / Restaurants

The Aspinall Arms

30 locals recommend

Our closest and most popular pub, picturesque spot situated by the river, 2 min drive from lodge (can walk but country road no footpath!). Large beer garden. Traditional menu. 3 miles picturesque walk along the river (route map available). Booking ahead reccommended.

The Higher Buck

25 locals recommend

Culinary classics or innovative favourites, lovingly crafted from local produce of the highest quality. Popular choice quality dishes, fine ales and a warm welcome.
01200 423226
www.higherbuck.com

The Emporium

34 locals recommend

A unique setting of interior design coupled with delicious food and tempting drinks. Breakfast lunch or dinner. Pop in for a coffee and freshly baked pastries, meet friends for lunch or glass of fizz. Vitit the Emporium decor shop below for a treat for your home. Located at the start of Clitheore high street, just above Sainsburys.
01200 444174
www.theemporiumclitheroe.co.uk/interiors

The Three Fishes

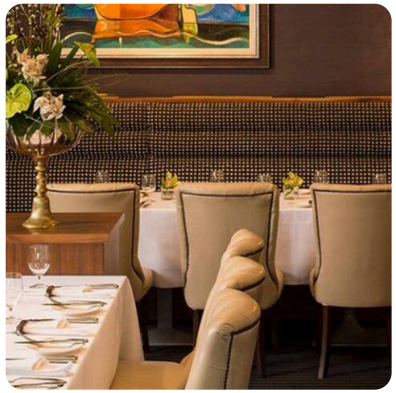
13 locals recommend

A nice destination for a special treat. High quality fine dining with set seasonal menu. Run by famous chef Nigel Howarth, growing own produce on site. Outdoor terrace to enjoys drinks in the summer. Located in Great Mitton so just minutes away.
Set menus and accompanying wine menus.

The Inn At Whitewell

79 locals recommend

Famously visited by the Queen. Beautifully located by the River in the Forest of Bowland. Withholds a good reputation for superb food, local ales and fantastic views. Nice outdoor terrace a the back.



Northcote Hotel & Restaurant

24 locals recommend

Michelin star restaurant, place to indulge in outstanding food from famous chefs and award-winning wines. The Manor is set is charming sourndings on the edge of the forest of Bowland AONB. Approx 15 min drive away.

JUN YUE

Chinese Restaurant in Clitheroe. Fresh Chinese cuisine with friendly staff.

Tapas 47

6 locals recommend

Small stylish new Tapas restaurant in Whalley Village. Small venue but tasty dishes!

Amico Mio Whalley LTD

6 locals recommend

family run Italian restaurant in Whalley. Cosy environment, top quality food. Open for dine in and takeaway orders.

The Rum Fox

17 locals recommend

Superb restaurant, with beautiful decor. Brilliant contemporary menu, definitely worth a visit. Indoor and outdoor spaces. Michelin Guide 2025 'One to Watch' Finalist - Top 50 Gastropubs 2025. Located in Grindleton approx 15 min drive away.

Will's Clitheroe

7 locals recommend

Cool and spacious bar in the centre of Clitheroe with selective menu. Cocktails and nibbles available too!

Eight at Gazegill

Wow, what a beautiful restaurant and even more stunning surroundings. Purpose-built restaurant set on the land of the farm at Gazegill Organics, located in the stunning Ribble Valley countryside, overlooked by the impressive Pendle Hill. Reservation required

Dough Pizzeria

A local spot for all ages, featuring Roman-style pizzas, specialty coffee, and a small Italian cocktail and wine menu. Intimate restaurant with a great stylish vibe. Also they're sister restaurant also in Clitheroe - LA PASTA on Shawbridge street if you have a taste for Italian cuisine!

Edisford Bridge

2 minute drive from your lodge! cosy country pub with good quality food. Popular choice in the summer with large beer garden too.

The Lower Buck Inn

13 locals recommend

Brilliant pub food, drinks and service. Well placed in charming village of Waddington (10 min drive from lodge).

The Eagle At Barrow

8 locals recommend

Large pub with choice of areas to dine & drink. Outdoor terrace, cosy wood burning log fires, comfy bar area and classic dining area. Menus offer the perfect combination of traditional classics, chef's daily specials and an eclectic mix of modern British dishes. Book ahead!

Spread Eagle Inn, Sawley

16 locals recommend

Fabulous pub offering pub classics in a gorgeous setting. Cosy pub vibes in teh colder months but also a fantastic summer spot with outdoor beer garden as well as benches right on the river if you want to watch the ducks whilst sipping your pint! 10-15 drive from your lodge.

Swan & Royal | Gastropub & Hotel

Well located bang in the middle of Clitheroe high street. Great for pub food or just drinks! Sunday lunch as well as a breakfast menu too! In the summer can enjoy drinks in Swan courtyard to the back of the pub! Check out its sister sports bar 'Churchills' just down the steps at the rear of the copurtyard.

Cafes/ brunch

Deux Amis

9 locals recommend

Gorgeous interior, quaint little place for bite to eat and great coffees/ cocktails. Sometimes have live music sessions. Located in Wahlley Village, 10 min drive away.
01254 271122
www.deuxamiswhalley.com

Cafe Brioche

Lovely little cafe for breakfast, lunch, coffee and cakes. Takeaway also available. Fresh sandwiches and baked sweet treats. Located on Clitheore high street, so perfect pit-stop whislt your browsing the boutique shops.
01200 442121
https://briocheclitheroe.co.uk

Jungle

8 locals recommend

Hip cafe on Clitheroe high street, fresh produce, innovative menu and fab coffee. Range of Vegan options too.
Ring to book ahead to avoid disappointment.

Maxwells Cafe Wine Bar

6 locals recommend

Relaxed, friendly atmosphere. Heated outdoor seating area and an open-air roof terrace for summer. Big menu, child-friendly, breakfast, lunch or dinner, coffee, cocktails & wine. Located opposite Clitheroe Train station.
01200 443906
www.maxwellscafebar.co.uk

The Chocolate Works

Chocolate cafe full of delicious fresh chocolates, hot chocolates, fondues, waffles, milkshakes, ice creams, proper mochas, barista coffees, fine teas, cakes, sandwiches and paninis.

Little Town Dairy

Little Farm shop, butchery, dairy and Tea room, located 20 min drive from lodges in village of Longridge. Family run. Full English breakfast, lunch and light bites as well as cakes traybakes and scones!

Bowland Food Hall at Holmes Mill

16 locals recommend

The cafe at the boiler house (Holmes Mill) Lovely setting for breakfast or coffee and cake. If you're wanting to pick up great fresh local produce its quirky market style set up is fab with deli counter too!

5 Moor Ln, Clitheroe BB7 3JG, UK

'Moor' Coffee Shop & Cafe serving breakfasts, lunch, cakes and more! On Clitheroe high street.

Gio's Deli

Brings you authentic Italian flavours, made with love and tradition. From Breakfast sandwich , breakfast wraps and breakfast pizza! Super service and coffees.

Knead & Grind

If you're a coffee lover then here's a spot to try. Fresh pastries and lunch baguettes also a treat.

Local Supermarkets

Tesco Superstore

7 locals recommend

10 minute drive. Duck Stree, Clitheroe.

Sainsbury's

6 locals recommend

8 minute drive, Moor Lane, Clitheroe (bottom of the high street) 1.5 hrs free parking.

ALDI

10 min drive, Whalley Road Clitheroe

Lidl

10 minute drive, Shawbridge lane, Clitheroe

Booths

Sightseeing

Clitheroe Castle

44 locals recommend

The castle is set in beautiful park grounds with playground. You can walk to the top of the castle and see amazing views, also explore the museum. Cafe seasonal opening (check times).

Stonyhurst College

19 locals recommend

Tolkein Trail is a very popular famous walk. A 5.5 mile circular walk. Map route available in lodge. Explore the beautiful scenery which inspired the tales of J.R.R. Tolkien! Stonyhurst has a magnificent museum including remarkable artefacts ordered by Henry VII.

Whalley Abbey Gatehouse

10 locals recommend

This 14th century gatehouse, second richest of Lancashire's monasteries, was founded in 1296.
www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/whalley-abbey-gatehouse/history/

Lytham St Annes

50 locals recommend

Great day trip to build sandcastles on the sandy beach or visit the pier arcade. Fish and chips or Ice cream. Its 2 miles from Blackpool and roughly a 50 minute drive.
The centre of Lytham itself has a fantastic range of shops, cafes, restaurants.

Windermere

287 locals recommend

You can get to Bowness-on-Windermere in roughly 1 hour and half if you fancy a day trip. Tourist hot spot so can get very busy. Shops, boat rides, watersports, eateries and plenty of activites.

Pendle Hill

126 locals recommend

Walk up to the summit and marvel at the outstanding views. Pendle Hill is 557 metres high. There's lots of walking routes.

Brockholes Visitors Centre

8 locals recommend

Singing Ringing Tree

29 locals recommend

The Singing Ringing Tree is a wind powered sound sculpture resembling a tree set in the landscape of the Pennine hill range overlooking Burnley. This Panopticon takes the form of a tree bending to the winds and harnesses the energy of those winds to produce a low, tuneful song.

Things to do

Everyman Clitheroe

32 locals recommend

Luxe cinema suite with lavish sofas, drinks and dining whilst viewing.
www.everymancinema.com/clitheroe
01233 555642

Bowland Wild Boar Park (Bowland Country Park)

31 locals recommend

A local farm park approx 20 min drive, a great day out for families. Lots of animals and activities. Outdoor playground and café. Tractor trailer ride and animal petting available at certain times.
01995 61075
www.wildboarpark.co.uk

Gisburn Forest and Stocks - Forestry England

20 locals recommend

Explore the trails and experience a sense of space and freedom . Gisburn's dramatic scenery, with deep forest and challenging hills, provides the perfect backdrop for award-winning mountain bike trails. Demanding climbs and exhilarating downhills. Bike hire available. For those seeking a unique outdoor adventure, visit after dusk to soak in the wonder of the stars at this accredited Dark Sky Discovery Site.
Gisburn Forest hub & Cafe 01200 446387

Three Rivers Woodland Park

Three Rivers swimming pool, approx 15 min drive away. Perfect for a fun family activity. Ring to book ahead at peak times (01200 423523).

Stydd Restaurant in The Glasshouse

11 locals recommend

A selection of interesting and unique shops and eateries housed in quirky buildings and cabins set in stunning gardens in Ribchester (15 min drive away). Delightful cafe/bar and restaurant housed in our green-house providing a warm and friendly welcome, an innovative wine company offering to quench and titillate your thirst and a cosy tea-room/coffee shop specializing in scrumptious home-made cakes.
01254 820120 https://www.stydd.com/

Pendle Village Mill

Department shopping outlet for an enjoyable day out. Home, garden, fashion and gifts. Chocolate Strawberry Tearoom, spacious, relaxing restaurant split onto two levels with outside covered seating overlooking the colourful Courtyard Garden Centre.
pendlevillage.co.uk
General 01282 442424
Tearoom 01282 442433

Holden Clough Nurseries

16 locals recommend

Gardeners heaven! Beautiful agrdens glass house, shop and Shepherds hut cafe. Perfect trip out. Events and workshops available. 20-25 min drive away.
https://holdencloughnursery.com
01200 447615
01200 447447

Inch Perfect Trials - UK's Ultimate Trials Destination!

10 locals recommend

Unleash your inner petrolhead for an unforgettable experience! Experiences ranging from two-hour taster sessions to full-day adventures. No experience is necessary.

The Grand Venue, Clitheroe

17 locals recommend

Theatre and Events venue - Amazing live music, theatre performances, comedy shows and community events and kids clubs. Located in the centre of Clitheroe.
www.thegrandvenue.co.uk
Box Office: 01200 421599

Mrs Dowsons Farm Park

14 locals recommend

Fantastic family day out. Real working farm, lots of animals to see and learn about, playground, ice cream parlour, Tipi food & drink. Seasonal events; Jurassic interactive show, pumpkin picking, Scare kingdom... Check opening times.

Go Ape

13 locals recommend

Great day out for adventurers with treetop Challenge, great mix of action and beautiful country views. 13-metre-high platforms, Tarzan Swing, and zip wire over water! Walking routes, food & drink plus picnic area. Rivington -Approx 50 min drive away.
Also a smaller scale site for younger adventurers at Blackburn - Witton Park, approx 30 mins

Ribble Valley E-Bikes | Electric Bike Sales

7 locals recommend

Based in lovely Dunsop Bridge area in the Forest of Bowland AONB. Providing electric bikes for hire for all abilities and ages. They offer a range of guided and self-guided tours of the area. Half day or Full day prices.
www.ribblevalley-ebikehire.co.uk
01200 426246

Brungerley Park Clitheroe

10 locals recommend

Ribble Valley Sculpture Trail - travels through Brungerley Park and Cross Hill Quarry, a local nature reserve managed by the Lancashire Wildlife trust, only a mile from Clitheroe town centre. A free cultural activity it encourages people to enjoy the park. Pass through a variety of woodland and flower rich grassland, dramatic views over the Forest of Bowland and River Ribble wildlife.

Edisford Bridge Picnic Area

A beautiful spot to paddle on a sunny day or enjoy a walk along the river. Childrens small steam train open at peak times. Small playground / swings. Carpark available.

Wood End Farm

Alpaca Experience - meet and greet some alpacas, explore the great outdoors with a trek or countryside walk. Learn about the animals and pet them. Hosted by the lovely Alison and her team, a lovely trip out!

Ribchester

12 locals recommend

15 min drive away. You can park up next to Potterns Barn cafe, opposite is a great play park for children. You can walk around the village and take a stroll down the river to feed the ducks. The White Bull offers excellent pub classic menu for a spot of lunch and a pint. Or Ribchester Arms is another popular choice.

Holmes Mill

32 locals recommend

Bowland social - adjacent to the Beer Hall in Clitheroe. Duckpin bowling, shuffleboard, digital darts and crazy golf and more. You can even order food and drinks whilst you're gaming! Check socials. 3 hours free parking on site.

The Milking Parlour Clitheroe

Artisan Ice cream, milkshakes and waffle sticks. Just opposite the Main castle gates.

The Hideaway Cabaret

A show not to be missed! Acrobatics, singing, dancing, fire and ice!! Not forgetting dancing. Bring your own booze means you can enjoy your favourite tipple, sit back and enjoy the unforgettable show.

Drinks

The Beer Shack

6 locals recommend

Welcoming and friendly craft beer bar in Clitheroe, serving large range of craft beers and ciders from local independent breweries as well as carefully selected beers from around the world. Outdoor area out the back with blankets and heaters for chillier times or a nice little sun trap for Summer.

The Whalley Wine Bar

10 locals recommend

Serves a fantastic range of over 350 quality wines along with a small selection of craft beers. Cheese and charcuterie sharing boards and nibbles available too. Requires reservation in advance, gets booked up quickly as a popular spot. In Whalley village centre next to its award-winning fine wine merchant Whalley wine shop.
01254 824822
www.thewhalleywineshop.com/by-the-glass/

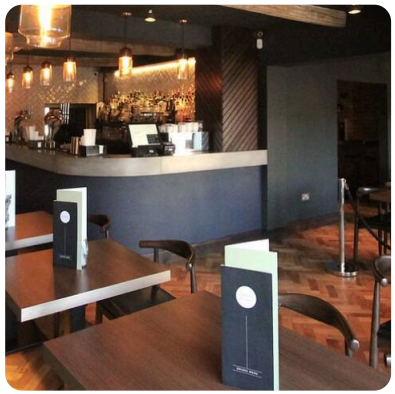
The Ale House Clitheroe

6 locals recommend

Independent micro-pub in the centre of Clitheroe. 5 cask ales on hand-pulls plus more, wines and ciders available. Quiz nights and live music occasionally. Check social for latest casks.
07547 359853

Fifty9 King Street

Now known as 'Fifty9' in the centre of Whalley, a cute spot with an array of beverages on offer. Often live music at weekends.



VAULT BAR & KITCHEN

Cool spot in Whalley. Check socials for updated menus

Escape Coffee & Cocktails

Rustic cocktail / coffee bar in the cetre of Clitheroe high street. Serves brunch. 3 floors including roof top sun terrace. Cosy for a coffee and cake or be adventerous with a bottemless brunch!

The Kings Wine & Cocktail Bar

Quality Thai restaurant and takeaway available. Wine bar and cocktails. Lovely outdoor seating in the Summer.

Food scene

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If you like burgers, this is the Takeaway for you! Order online, collect from Clitheroe. Katsu fries are a popular choice!

TAKEAWAYS
Check with us for list of local takeaways both delivery to your lodge or close by collect.

The friary whalley

Traditional fish and chips or authentic Chinese menu. Order online for delivery to your lodge or collection in Whalley. Available on Just Eat App. Salt and pepper chips is a personal favourite.