

ENGLAND

Hollins Farm Camping and Caravanning, Lancashire



The Arnside and Silverdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty is a hidden gem. We would like to keep it to ourselves but, out of generosity, I'll let *MM* readers in on the secret.

On the Lancashire/Cumbria border, south of the Lake District, you will find tranquil bays, gorgeous woodland, attractive villages, fantastic walking and much more.

Hollins Farm is part of the Holgates group and is a delightful place. This open and slightly sloping site has some hardstandings and has seen a makeover in recent years. The new stone-built sanitary block has underfloor heating, family cubicles, a games area and a tumble-dryer big enough to climb into. Outside there is a play area and a few farm animals.

The sister site, Silverdale, is just 10 minutes' walk away and here campers can make use of the large swimming pool and bowling alley, a bar that serves hearty food and a useful shop.

With reason to celebrate we treated ourselves to food at the Silverdale Hotel on our first night. In theory this is a 30-minute walk, but it's best to

allow extra time as the coastal views on the way are distracting.

Footpaths radiate from Hollins Farm and we were here for walking. Our favourite is over Arnside Knott, the limestone hill that rises above the site. The meandering paths up the steep tree-clad slopes are great for birdwatching, with stunning views across Morecambe Bay and to the Lake District fells. We like to descend to Arnside's promenade, to visit our favourite café, before returning by the coast, weaving through the woods and leaving time to play on the beach.

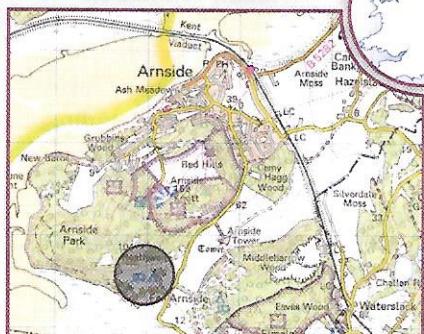
We might also follow the paths through Eaves Wood to reach the RSPB reserve at Leighton Moss. Then take the train to Grange-over-Sands to walk up Hampsfell, find the delightful Fairy Steps or follow the coast to Jenny Brown's Point.

The choice is yours; just don't tell anyone else about this paradise.



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Far Arnside, Silverdale, Carnforth, Lancashire LA5 0SL

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holgates.co.uk/hollins-farm

March – November

Two adults, pitch and electric: £34.50

Nearest public transport: One mile

Nearest pub/restaurant: 10 minutes

Directions: From M6 J35 take A601/A6 to Carnforth. In town turn right for Silverdale. After one mile take left onto Sand Lane. After level crossing turn right. Bear left after one mile, follow Holgates signs into Cove Road, continue for one mile to site



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