

Diversification in UK farms

Revision Points:

- Upland farms have had to diversify in order to remain profitable.
- Diversification can take many forms including tourism, education sports and leisure and farm shops.
- Upland farms also diversify by planting coniferous forests and taking advantage of the increasing demand for quality organic produce that sells for higher prices.

Radio advertisement

“Great Fell Farm is a working farm situated in the heart of the Lake District. It makes a great base to explore this beautiful part of England. We welcome visitors all year round.

Stay overnight in our comfortable converted barn, and enjoy a traditional farmhouse breakfast. Or stay in our cosy self-catering cottage that sleeps four people.

To be even closer to nature there's the option of camping in the summer. Wake up each morning to a breath of fresh air and spectacular views of the mountains.

Come to Great Fell to experience life on a real working farm. Watch the cows being milked, help feed the chickens and calves. Enjoy lambing time in Spring and in summer be amazed by our demonstration sheepdog trials.

We raise traditional Lake District breeds of sheep and cattle at Great Fell Farm and also have a herd of friendly llamas.

We welcome school group visits and have educational farm and river trails.

A popular attraction on the farm is Great Fell conifer forest. Fifteen years ago we planted fast growing conifer trees and with the help of the National Park, we've created a number of forest trails for mountain bikers and walkers to explore.

This year we've just opened a high-ropes adventure course in the forest with guidance from the local adventure centre. Confront your fears by jumping and swinging through the tree tops under the supervision of an experienced instructor. Fun at any time of the year!

Get the wind in your hair and enjoy the forest and the surrounding fells on horseback. Just let us know and we can arrange it all for you with a local riding school.

After you've blasted away the cobwebs with all that fresh Lake District air, enjoy a meal at our award-winning tea-room and restaurant. We serve the freshest organic food made with local ingredients and the milk, cream and cheese comes from our very own dairy.

Take home a taste of the Lake District by visiting our farm shop – try our organic lamb and beef, delicious ice cream and our award winning cheeses as well as a range of seasonal products from other local farms. We are also delighted to stock a range of llama wool garments which make unique and unusual gifts.

Don't delay, book your farm holiday through Lake District Farm Holidays today!"