

# USEFUL INFORMATION



## ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

**Arrival: after 2pm.** If you arrive before 2pm you are welcome to use the facilities, and your pod if it is ready for you. Please let us know when you hope to arrive.

**Departure: by 11am.** Please ensure that your pod is clear of all belongings by 11am to avoid additional charges. You are welcome to continue to use the facilities.

## DOG POLICY

There is a charge of **£5 per night per dog**.

All dogs staying in pods are **fully house/toilet trained**. Any damage must be paid for.

All dogs **must be kept on their lead at all times** with no exceptions, for their own safety.

**We will not be responsible for your dog** during your stay with us. You will be wholly responsible for your dog throughout your stay.

Please **do not leave your dog unattended** for ANY amount of time, especially in the pods.

**Please bring a bed or mat** for your dog to sit/sleep on whilst in the pod. Do not allow them to sit or sleep on any hired camp beds or on the mattresses in Ardwyn pod.

**All dogs MUST be wormed** before coming onto the campsite. The wormer you use must contain Praziquantel to kill tapeworms, and ideally your dog will need to have been treated within 3 weeks of your stay (or as recommended by your vet).

Our farm dogs have lovely natures, but **WILL be protective of their territory** (as well as of us and one another). When you arrive, please bear in mind that the dogs will bark initially, and most dogs bark back, especially if they are in the confines of a vehicle. This is to be expected.

**DO NOT let your dog out of the car straight away when you arrive.** If there are farm dogs loose, they will usually come to greet you. If you do find yourself in a situation where another dog has come to greet your dog, restrain your dog so that they do not approach too quickly, and remove your dog calmly. Never use your own body as a shield between two dogs.

## CAMPSITE RULES (THESE WILL ALSO BE ON YOUR CHECK-IN FORM)

There are some important rules that we must ask you to follow while staying at Powys Pods to ensure that you and other guests have a safe and enjoyable stay. Please take the time to read them, as they are very specific. If these rules are not adhered to, we may ask you to terminate your stay immediately and you will be charged for any damage caused.

- ≈ **Keep to the designated areas. DO NOT enter the farmyard** - which is the area past the farmhouse and farm office, and stay away from any areas that are marked with a keep out or no entry sign. **DO NOT enter or cross any fields**, especially those that contain crops, without prior consent. This includes the field below Bryn-Gwyn and Allt Dderw pods, and the fields beside Ardwyn and Cae Bell (expect for marked paths). Elsewhere, you can only walk across (fenced in) farmland if you are following a designated footpath.
- ≈ **Children must be supervised at all times.** This is a working farm. For their safety, please ensure that they keep to the designated areas. Please do not allow them to play on or by the farm lane, or on the area in front of the farmhouse/office (even if the dogs are there).
- ≈ **Take care with traffic on the road or in the car park**, especially when walking from the main campsite area to the Barn where the fridge & freezer are located, or driving from the car park (ask someone to stand and check for oncoming traffic if you are unsure).

- ≈ **Please park your vehicle/s on the car park**, unless you have made other arrangements with us (such as for motorcycles). All vehicles (including bicycles) and contents are left at owner's risk, whether parked on car park or elsewhere.
- ≈ **Please look after your belongings** - we will not be held liable for any loss or damage.
- ≈ **Please be considerate of other guests** - remember that the communal areas are shared spaces, so please leave space for others if you choose to leave items in these areas. Please mop over toilet floors after use if muddy. **Keep any noise to a minimum, especially after 9pm**. Drunken and disorderly behaviour is not permitted, whether or not there are other guests staying – this is also for your own safety while you are staying on a working farm.
- ≈ **If you have a dog with you, please keep it on a lead at all times**. This is for the safety of your dog as well as for the safety of the livestock. There are working dogs on the farm who may bark at your dog initially. It is essential that your dog is on a lead so you have full control of the situation should they be caught unaware. **Do not leave your dog unattended** in a pod or elsewhere. **If a member of your group is unsure of dogs**, please let us know, and we will try our best to restrict the farm dog's access to the campsite during your stay.
- ≈ **Respect the animals**. Do not feed any of the animals, including the dogs. Do not try to chase or play with the sheep or cows (even from the other side of the fence). If you find a sheep straying, don't worry, try to keep it off the campsite and let us know when you can. In the highly unlikely event that a cow approaches you unexpectedly, maintain eye contact and remove yourself from the situation calmly. If the cow is straying, let us know urgently.
- ≈ **Please leave all gates as you found them**. This includes the gates to Ardwyn pod and Cae Bell pitch, and the ones on the campsite, in case we are moving livestock along the road. We also recommend keeping the double gates and small gate on the campsite **closed when children are playing**.
- ≈ **Please take care on uneven or slippery banks, paths and decking**. Please do not walk down the roped walkway to the lawn if it's been raining (walk past Allt Dderw pod instead). Please take extra care on the Woodland Walk to Cae Bell pitch. Note solar lights work for up to 5 hours after dark. **Please ask if you need to borrow a torch**.
- ≈ **In the event of an accident** please notify Jess as soon as possible.
- ≈ **Fires and BBQ's** - please abide by the following very important rules.
- **The barrel BBQ** must left where it is and must be used for BBQ's only (no high flames).
  - **Do not light open fires** anywhere other than the firepit located on the lawn and the in fire-bowl provided for Ardwyn pod.
  - **Portable BBQ's or stoves** should be positioned with great care so that they do not scorch the surface that they are sat on (especially the decking) or burn nearby items.
  - **Do not leave fires or BBQs unattended**.
  - **Do not place any stones** near a source of heat as they may explode when they get hot.
  - **Put BBQ ash in the bucket provided**. Do not put any ashes in the rubbish bin.
  - **Tents should be 6 metres away** from naked flames, and be pitched at least 6m apart.
- ≈ Be aware that the barrel BBQ, firepit, disposed ashes and hot plates will **remain hot for some time after use**. Remember that other guests may have used them. Take care with young children.
- ≈ **Take care with our water supply**, and ensure all water is turned off after use. We are on a spring fed supply, which can run low. **If you notice any problems with the water, even just a drop in water pressure, please let us know as soon as you can**.

- ≈ **In the event of a power failure please do not drink water straight from the tap;** our water is filtered to remove any pathogens and the filtration system will not be working. Please use boiled water. This includes power failure in the toilet/shower pod nearest the farmhouse.
- ≈ **Do not smoke in the pods or toilet units.** Please be considerate when smoking in other areas, and **dispose of used cigarettes safely** in the bin provided.
- ≈ **If you are hiring camp beds,** please refer to instructions on the label in the storage bag – do not exceed the specified weight limit. Do not stand or walk on them. Ensure that the legs are full extended and clipped into place (on single beds) before use.
- ≈ **Our toilets use a septic tank.** Please do not flush any non-biodegradable items or paper hand towels. Please place nappies and sanitary products in a bag and in the bin provided.
- ≈ **Please consider the environment** when using the electric fans and heaters. Switch off all electrical items when they are not in use and before you leave your pod for the day.
- ≈ **Keep the campsite clean and tidy.** Put all rubbish in the bins provided and make use of the recycling bins. You can find information about what to recycle by the sinks. Please pay special attention to this as it may be different from what you are used to (we do not recycle soft plastic bags and wrapping). **Please take any bulky items (airbeds etc) home with you.**
- ≈ **If you invite friends or family to visit you,** please let us know.

### PACKING CHECKLIST

We hope you find the checklist below helpful.

Remember that Ardwyn Pod & Cae Bell pitch are located up steps, and Allt Dderw Pod also requires a short walk from your car.

- Something to sleep on (unless staying in Ardwyn Pod or hiring camp beds)
- Sleeping bag and pillows (with waterproof cover in case unpacking in rain) – if you're bringing a duvet or blanket for use on our beds please bring a bottom sheet to cover the bed.
- A torch with batteries (especially for Ardwyn Pod & Cae Bell pitch)
- Matches/lighter for fire pit (and firelighters too perhaps). You can bring your own firewood & charcoal or buy some from us for £5 per bag (remember the marshmallows for the campfire)
- Warm(er) clothes (it will be cooler here as we're quite high up)
- Phones, gadgets & chargers
- Games/films/books (or homework!) – our internet is not good enough for streaming
- Slip-on shoes for popping out
- Toothbrush, toiletries & essentials
- Towel & soap/shower gel (we provide hand soap & paper hand towels)
- Food, snacks & beverages
- Folding chairs for use on the decking/outside

#### **If you're bringing a dog:**

- A secure lead, bed or mat, food, food/drink bowls, dog bags

#### **If you plan to cook rather than eating out:**

- A camping stove & gas/disposable BBQ/charcoal. Electric hotplates, a hob kettle and a barrel BBQ are provided
- Cooking utensils & saucepan/s (incl. a knife, chopping board & tin/bottle opener)
- Plates, bowls cups & and cutlery
- Freezer bag or box (we have a fridge & freezer here)
- Washing up liquid, a sponge/cloth/brush & a tea towel
- Food, cooking oil, sauces, herbs, spices & salt

## CAMPSITE MAP



### PLAN YOUR HOLIDAY

Within 10 minutes by car: Bryngwyn Church, Bryngwyn Riding Stables, Rhosgoch Golf Club, Rhosgoch Nature Reserve, The Roast Ox Inn, the Offa's Dyke Path (or about 30 mins walk), Route 825 (the Radnor Ring) on the National Cycle Network (20 minutes by bike).

Within 30 minutes by car: Hay-on-Wye (the town of books), Kington (centre for walking), Builth Wells (home of the annual Royal Welsh Agricultural Show), Talgarth Mill & craft shop, Erwood Craft Centre, Kington Small Breeds Farm, Hergest Gardens (Kington), canoeing or kayaking on the River Wye, the Black Mountains in the Brecon Beacons National Park.

Within 40 mins by car: the historic cathedral town of Brecon at the foot of the Brecon Beacons National Park, the cathedral city of Hereford and the Herefordshire Cider Route, the Victorian spa town of Llandrindod Wells (don't miss the lake & kids park), Cantref Adventure Farm (Brecon), Brecon Playbarn, Quackers (playbarn nr Llandrindod).

Within an hour you can also reach Rhayader and the Elan Valley, the thriving market town of Ludlow and the surrounding Shropshire countryside, or the traditional Welsh town of Llandovery.

For those of you wanting to see more of Wales, you can be at the Aberystwyth coastline or the Gower Peninsula near Swansea in under two hours, or West Wales in just over two hours. In just over three hours you can be climbing Wales' tallest mountain, Snowdon, in North Wales!

**We hope you have found this information helpful, and that you have a lovely stay. If you have any questions during your stay please do not hesitate to ask.**

**If you would like to review us after your stay you can find us on: Google, Facebook, Trip Advisor, PitchUp, Cool Camping & [ukcampsite.co.uk](http://ukcampsite.co.uk)**