



CRAFTY CAMPING, PRE-ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Thank you for your booking. Below, please find all the information you need prior to setting off.

The adventure starts here ...

ADVANCE PLANNING, GETTING HERE & FINDING YOUR NEW HOME IN THE WOODS.

- We are in a very remote location with small lanes, it's easy to get lost, satnav won't always bring you to our carpark. Therefore before setting off please either follow the Google maps link on the home page of our website or if using satnav (Woodland Workshop, TA20 4NL) note that some satnavs take you to Manor Farm in the middle of the tiny village of Holditch, from there go uphill, following the lane sharp left by the cottages & our carpark is then 1st left opposite Higher Holditch Farm.
- The office landline is not always monitored so it is critical that you can find your own way to the woodland camp where you will find the current duty manager's contact number.
- Before setting off please make sure you know which accommodation you have booked and identify it on the site map (below & on the guest's info page of our website)
- It's a 5 minute walk down from the carpark so please don't bring more than you need (see below).
- On arrival please leave your car in the car park and walk through the small pedestrian gate, follow the footpath down the left hand side of the meadow (not down the rough track through the larger gate) and into the top corner of the woods, follow the path down to the Woodland Workshop where you will see the parachute-roofed craft workshops and the large communal yurt and field kitchen by the pond. All the accommodation is signposted from here. There are no locks or keys to collect.
- The paths & boardwalks from the car park to the accommodation are lit with LED lights on motion sensors. However, it is still worth bringing a torch so that you can see your way in the unlikely event of a power failure on arrival.
- If you're coming by train to Axminster there are rarely taxis waiting so it is essential to pre-book one.

Paynes Premier Taxis 01297 35895

M-cabs Taxi 01297 42222

Axminster Taxis 01297 34000.

- If you want to book a table or local activity during your stay it's well worth doing so in advance, please see our links page or the local info pdf on the guest's information page of our website for recommendations and booking details.
- Our local pub - The Tytherleigh Arms is a popular choice on the evening of arrival (and for Sunday Lunch) it's 2 miles away and booking is strongly recommended. Please check last orders time for food if arriving late - 01460 220214.

SELF CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT

- Your accommodation will be cleaned, changed over, re-stocked and ready for you by 3pm on the day of arrival, please vacate before 11 am on the day of departure so that we have enough time to prepare for new arrivals. There is no "check in" as such, on occasions (particularly at weekends) we may not see our guests until the day of departure. Having said that we are always on call should a problem arise, the duty manager's name and number is displayed on the 'in/out' board opposite the field kitchen should you need to get in touch at any point during your stay, this number may change during your stay as we take it in turns to be on duty. We are always on call to help.
- It is quite normal to arrive much later in the evening on the day of arrival, particularly after work on Fridays. As we are unlikely to be on site at these times please make sure you have this information and map with you.
- On arrival to the camp by the field kitchen you will see our 'in/out' board, this has a slate name for each space on a peg, the top row indicates that guests are in and the bottom row indicates that guests are out or have departed. Please always move your slate depending on whether you are in or out. This is a fire officer requirement so that in case of fire we know who is on or off site at any point in time.
- Once you're in your accommodation you will find a leather welcome and information folder with everything you need to know to settle-in, relax and enjoy your time in your new home in the woods.
- We normally work in the woods between 8.30 and 4.30 on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Tuesdays and Thursdays vary from week to week depending on courses and other work commitments. We are rarely in the woods at weekends unless called upon.
- If you have booked directly on our website and have pre-ordered frozen dough or drinks, these will be left on your shelf of your fridge in the field kitchen. If you have not pre-ordered anything then these can always be purchased when you are on site using the honesty book system (see below).

WHAT TO BRING & WHAT NOT TO BRING

THINGS TO BRING WITH YOU:

- Your preferred type of milk or milk substitute for you complimentary tea, coffee & cereals.
- Starter food. Once here & if you have a car there are excellent farmers markets & local produce shops (see guests info tab on our website & links page for more details)
- If planning to make pizzas, we supply flour and sell frozen dough, but you will need to bring tomato sauce, toppings & ingredients.
- Suitable seasonal clothing for the 5 min walk down into the woods & for sitting out on your deck.
- A bath robe & crocs/flipflops for getting to and from the sauna/field kitchen - weather permitting.

THINGS NOT TO BRING WITH YOU:

- Candles or tea lights.
- Music systems or speakers - we have a strict no noise policy.
- Pets.
- Children under age 18.
- Anything that may disturb the other guests.

THINGS THAT WE SUPPLY OR SELL

WE SUPPLY THE FOLLOWING:

- linen, bath towels, hand towels, tea towels & oven gloves.
- Coffee & Dorset Tea.
- Complimentary Dorset Cereals.
- Sugar, salt, pepper, cooking oil, flour for pizza making. If you find anything else in the field kitchen its not ours!
- A starter basket of logs, kindling, firelighters and lighters.
- Faith in Nature biodegradable shampoo, conditioner and shower gell.
- Loo paper and biodegradable hand wash.

WE SELL THE FOLLOWING

- Wine
- Cider
- Sparkling Classic Cuvee
- Frozen pizza dough
- Bbq charcoal
- Additional logs, kindling & firelighters.

The full price list is on the guest's info page on our website.

EACH SPACE HAS THE FOLLOWING PRIVATE FACILITIES

- A king sized bed with topper and dual control electric blanket.
- Heated towel rail.
- A log burning stove (not for cooking or drying - just heating the spaces)
- Reindeer skin rugs.
- A hammock.
- Camping chairs.
- An outside table with bbq / fire pit.
- Piping hot outside 'tree shower'(highly recommended in the rain or snow).
- Proper flushing ceramic loo. (the bell tent shares, all others are private)
- Basin with mains drinking water & hot water.
- Kelly Kettle for boiling water on your deck bbq (there are also electric kettles in the field kitchen)
- A private clearing/deck.
- Electricity sockets for phone charging, lights & reading lights.
- Emergency power failure torch by each bed.
- A cool box (for additional food storage to your kitchen fridge).
- A leather information folder & ordinance survey map.

THE FIELD KITCHEN, COMMUNAL YURT & SAUNA HAVE THE FOLLOWING SHARED FACILITIES:

- A log fired pizza oven (DIY with instructions and website how to video) - you will need to buy additional logs and kindling for this.
- Gas fired oven & hob
- Refridgerators - one shelf per space/tent.
- Pots and pans for the kitchen.
- Pots, pans & tools for your bbq.
- Plates, glasses, bowls, cutlery, cooking knives & utensils.
- Toaster & kettles.
- Honesty book for on site purchases.
- Board games & table skittles.
- Freezer and fridge for dough, wine, fizz, cider etc.
- Local information map & leaflets.
- Sauna with its own tree shower, loo & fenced off deck area.

OTHER THINGS WORTH KNOWING:

- There is a strong and fast 4g signal on site. Returning guests will remember the old BT landline WiFi that was frustratingly slow and intermittent when it was raining! Therefore we have disconnected the BT landline (with a sigh of relief and considerable pleasure) as it had become clear that everyone used the good 4g signal in preference. That said our advice is to leave email etc well alone as much as possible during your stay.

- The woods are generally very peaceful, the sounds of nature & the forest are very much part of the experience. However occasionally the birds, owls and wildlife are accompanied by the sounds of local farming activity and/or seasonal country sports. This is very much part & parcel of being in a remote dairy farming community. Farming sounds or muck spreading smells are usually short-lived with everything returning to normal before long. On rare occasions there may be some noise from a party or wedding in the village or neighbouring cottages, these are few and far between, usually in the summer holidays and generally don't go on very late.
- If you are travelling by train/without a car whilst this is quite common and encouraged please do plan ahead for your supplies as the local shops are about 2 miles away and taxis do need to be pre-booked.

A FEW RULES TO ENSURE EVERYONE HAS A SAFE AND PEACEFUL TIME:

- No amplified music/radios or rowdy/noisy activities that may disturb other guests – particularly after dark. It is important to appreciate that sound travels through the woods.
- Please remove muddy shoes/boots when entering your accommodation.
- Don't bring your own candles or tea lights as they are specifically forbidden by the fire officer. We supply candle lanterns with glass guards in each space & these are safe to use when candle light is preferred.
- Please always close your entrance door to prevent rain or bugs or birds entering. This is Particularly important at night when any lights inside will attract bugs.
- Please only use the fire wood that is provided on site - our logs are locally sourced hardwood (specially grown & harvested from hedgerow growth) that has been split and dried for 2 years specifically for our guests.
- Please switch phones to silent mode in the woods.

We hope that you have a fantastic time in the woods. Please don't hesitate to text or call the duty manager if you have any questions or problems during your stay, if we hear nothing we shall assume all is well. We won't disturb you unless absolutely necessary for safety or operational reasons.

With very best wishes

Guy & the team.

P.s. Although we encourage our guests to disconnect from technology as much as possible, we also want to encourage you to spread the word about your time here on social media if that's your thing. If you do please tag us in any posts so that we see them, thank you.

PTO - woodland site map.

Crafty Camping TA20 4NL

Thorncombe & Tatworth ← → Holditch & Tytherleigh



Fipple and Bodkin Bell tents will be closed in 2019