

Site Description & Booking Information



This document provides a description of the facilities available at the site, and information about booking the site. Please also read the User Instructions document on the website that give information and instructions on how the site should be used.

Location

The postal address for the campsite is:
Botany Bay Activity Centre, Trelleck Road, Tintern, Chepstow, NP16 6SN

OS Grid reference: SO526023

Maps: Landranger 162 or Outdoor Leisure 14 (Wye Valley & Forest of Dean)

What Three Words: "Atom / Health / Siesta"

Directions

- From Monmouth, follow the A466 south, turn right on entering Tintern at the Wye Valley Hotel, signposted 'Catbrook 2'
- From Chepstow, follow the A466 north, turn left just before leaving Tintern at the Wye Valley Hotel, signposted 'Catbrook 2'
- Continue up the road for 1 mile, (ignoring the left turn sign-posted 'Botany Bay') the camp site is on the right just past the white bungalow.

Booking

The new electronic booking system is now operational. You should be able to view availability, create a booking request and receive an invoice using this system. The system will also email to 3 weeks prior to arrival to remind you to pay your balance; 1 week before arrival with some useful reminders and 3 days before arrival with the access information. If you get any issues – please email on the address at the bottom of this document.

Using the site

Please be aware that the site is for the use of Scouts, Guides and other youth organisations. Adult only groups are not permitted, except for leaders of youth organisations planning to visit the site with their group.

There may be multiple groups using the site at the same time. If you have a large group, please contact the Warden to see who else is booked on the site.

If you have not been to the site before, please feel free to arrange a visit or talk to the warden about the facilities.

The electronic booking system will send a reminder email about a week before your arrival date, and another with details of the access codes a few days before your arrival. If you have any issues : -

- before your arrival, then please email the Warden, or
- issues upon your arrival then please phone the Warden

Please note that our neighbours do not hold keys or codes.

The gate is secured by a combination lock. Keys to the toilets, fridges & freezer room and lodge porch are stored in a key safe, which is under the balcony. If you have booked the lodge, the inner door is a code-lock, and the door is re-locked using the Y button. Key to cabins & chalet are in another key safe behind the door in the lodge porch.

Vehicles are not permitted on the camping field. The car park will hold about 30 cars if they are parked carefully, perpendicular to the boundary fence.

Please do not leave cars at the top car park. This area is for unloading only. Wheel chair users on the bottom of the field may have to drive to the top car park to access the toilets – so cars parked at the top can cause problems. A couple of small trolleys are available for moving equipment around the camping field.

Boundaries. The boundaries of the site are: -

- The fence along the camping field to the West
- The top of the gulley to the North
- The main A466 Tintern to Monmouth road to the East
- The fence that runs from the main gate up past the Lodge and down the hill to the A466 to the South

Camping & general site use

Fridges & freezers are available to all site users in the room under the lodge balcony. A tumble drier is available in the same room as the fridges. It takes 50p coins.

Squirrel and mice numbers are high in the area, so please come prepared to keep food in an animal proof manner, for example keeping bread in closed plastic boxes. If you are keeping food in the fridge room – ensure that you keep the door shut. There are herds of wild deer in the area, and evidence of wild boar on site, although these are rarely seen.

There is a defibrillator stored in the fridge room.

On the large hard standing next to the lodge, a 6m by 12m marquee roof has been erected. This can be used by anyone booking the site, but do not light fires under the marquee roof. The roof will be taken down during November, to avoid snow damage, and re-erected in the spring. If this is an important facility for your plans, please feel free to contact the warden to confirm availability.

Feel free to use any fallen or pre-cut wood for fires, but do not fell or cut standing timber. Please leave the split logs in the log box for the log burner in the lodge. Altar fires are available. You can also light cooking fires in the woods. Bivouacs can be made anywhere in the woodland.

The toilet block is next to the Lodge, and has

- One female cubicle and wash basin
- One accessible cubicle and wash basin
- Two male cubicles, a urinal and two wash basins

There is cold water only in the toilets.

We do not provide toilet paper, hand soap or towels – so please bring these with you. The only shower on site is in the lodge, and it is only available if you have booked the lodge. There is an Elsan emptying point just inside the gate of the camping field. If you plan to bring elsans then please advise the Warden to ensure that the tap at the emptying point is turned on.

Recycling

You can currently leave your rubbish and recycling on site, as long as you carefully follow instructions in the User Instruction document. Do not leave large items such as broken tents on site, as they will not be picked up by the refuse collection.

Pioneering resources

Pioneering poles, crates and an assault course net are available, and in the locked box, ropes, rope ladders, pulleys, slings and some helmets and harnesses – all of which you can use at your own risk.

Buildings

The largest building on the site is Milner Lodge which contains a 5m by 7m meeting or dining room heated by a wood-burning stove & electric heaters; a small kitchen equipped with electric cooker, fridge/ freezer and under sink hot water heater; three toilets and a shower room.

There are also four unfurnished cabins available for training, indoor activities or sleeping on the floor, including the smaller 3.3m by 4.7m Zena Mellens Chalet that overlooks the main camping field and three larger 5m by 5.3m cabins above the Lodge. Cooking is not permitted in any of the cabins.

There is a list of hazards in the User Instructions document on the website, which can be used for group leaders to create their own Risk Assessments.

Payment

- Current fees are shown on the Botany Bay page on the Gwent Area Scouts website
- A deposit of 25% is due on booking
- If sufficient notice of cancellation is not given, that deposit may not be refundable
- If the total charge is less than £20 please pay the full amount on booking to save on administration
- Payment by BACS transfer to Gwent County Scout Site Committee, Lloyds Bank Caldicot branch; sort code **30-96-00** account number **02531075** using the reference provided, or your group/organisation name if this has not been provided by the online booking system.

Useful information

Doctor

Wye Dean Practice, Tintern. Phone 01291 689335 (The surgery is in Tintern opposite the Wild Hare Hotel.)

Hospitals

Full A&E / Specialist and Critical Care Centre

- The Grange University Hospital, Llanfrechfa, Cwmbran NP44 8YN
Phone 01633 493100

Minor Injuries Units (24 hours)

- Nevill Hall Hospital, Brecon Road, Abergavenny NP7 7EG
Phone: 01873 732732
- Royal Gwent Hospital, Cardiff Road, Newport NP20 2UB
Phone: 01633 234234

Minor Injuries unit (limited hours, telephone triage in operation)

- Lydney District Hospital, Grove Road, Lydney GL15 5JE
Phone: 0300 421 8721

Chemists

- Boots the Chemist, 17 High Street, Chepstow NP16 5LQ. Phone 01291 622042
- Bulwark Pharmacy, 45/47 Bulwark Road, Chepstow NP16 5JW. Phone 01291 622149
- P. C. Merrick, 12/13 Steep Street, Chepstow NP16 5PJ. Phone 01291 622387

Tourist Information

Castle Car Park, Bridge Street, Chepstow, NP16 5EY. Phone 01291 623772

Contact information

For further details of the site, please contact:

Warden, Dave Phipps on botanybay@gwentscouts.org.uk

Phone numbers for urgent contact only : -

- Mobile 07798 736 779
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