

THE WOODSMAN'S TREEHOUSE PRE-ARRIVAL INFORMATION

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

The adventure starts here ...

IN ADVANCE

N.B. Please make be sure that you have your directions and site map with you as its easy to get lost in the local lanes & you cant rely on satnav locally. The landline/office phone is not always monitored so we wont be able to direct you here if you get lost. There is always a duty manager on call but you will only know these details once you have arrived on site (it changes all the time and at short notice) therefore you will need to have found your way here 1st in order to contact us.

Pack as little as possible as it is a five minute walk down from the car park into the woods and to the treehouse, but do bring a pint of milk for your complimentary Dorset Cereals and Clipper Teas. We have an alcohol license and sell cider, wine and fizz in the woods, there is a full stock list on the guests information page of our website.

If you're coming by train to Axminster there are rarely taxis waiting so it is essential to pre-book one. We recommend Payne's Premier Travel who have hybrid cars available for your transfer: 01297 35895 or bluebird cars 07591 584790, Mat on 07736 642738 or Axminster Taxis on 01297 34000.

If you fancy trying your hand on one of our courses then they can be booked up to 1 day ahead on our website, if the day is free in our courses calendar you can start a new course subject of your choice, the 2 hour taster courses need two participants and the longer courses require just one participant to start a new course on a new date. We will run any course for between one and four guests at a time. Our courses are suitable for complete novices & experienced craftsmen alike.

Please note that our craft courses are entirely optional – we don't expect our guests to whittle or carve if it's not their thing! Many don't, preferring to simply relax and soak up the atmosphere in the woods or to explore the surrounding area.

SELF CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT

The treehouse 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 at all as they simply come and go following the pre arrival and information packs, preferring the anonymity that the informal nature of Crafty Camping affords. Having said that we are always on call should a problem arise, the duty manager's name and number is always displayed on the "in/out" board at the entrance to the camp opposite the field kitchen should you need to get in touch at any point during your stay.

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 wood through. 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. The treehouse is signposted from here as well as being marked on the woodland map. There is a key & wooden owl keyfob by the front door should you want to lock up at any point.

All of the paths & boardwalks from the car park to the treehouse are lit with LED lights on sensors. However, it is still worth bringing a torch so that you can find your way in the unlikely event a power failure on arrival.

Please don't leave valuables in your car. Although we are in a remote and relatively crime-free area, we can't take responsibility for vehicles or contents in the car park.



Once you're inside the treehouse you will find a welcome and information folder with everything you need to know to settle-in, relax and enjoy your time in your new home. We tend to leave our guests to themselves unless needed for anything specific.

If you buy anything from the woodland shop please settle your bill from the honesty book in the field kitchen at the end of your stay. Payment can be made in cash or by credit card.

WHAT TO BRING/ON ARRIVAL

On arrival to the camp 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 move your slate depending on whether you are in or out. This not only helps us get on with cleaning if guests leave before 11 but is also a fire officer requirement so that in case of fire we know who is on or off site for a roll call.

It is a good idea to have some 'starter' food as well as some milk. However, there are plenty of local shops and the local produce is excellent – so don't burden yourself with carrying too much! There is a list of local farm shops, deli's and wet fish shops, etc, in the leather folder in the treehouse and a labeled map in the communal yurt as well as on the info page of our website.

We supply towels and bath robes but it is a good idea to bring some flip flops/crocs or similar for the back deck and spa deck of the treehouse.

WE SUPPLY

Your kitchen will be stocked with complimentary Dorset Cereals and Dorset tea, infusions and coffee. We also have some basics such as flour (for the wood fired pizza oven), salt, pepper & olive oil, otherwise please bring anything else you would for self catering. We also provide a starter pack of split and air-dried local firewood and kindling waiting for you in the treehouse woodburner and in the wood fired pizza oven, if you need further supplies of wood please just help yourself from the log store (fire wood and kindling wood are complimentary in the treehouse) charcoal is available to buy for the bbq.

We supply Faith in Nature shampoo, conditioner, hand wash, shower gel & towels. The kitchen has an oven, fridge and cooking rings as well as a kettle and toaster. Pots pans, crockery, glasses etc are all supplied. So all you need to bring is your own food.

There is a mains, plug in radio inside the treehouse. This can also be used to play internet radio or as a small speaker for mobile devices. There is wifi in the treehouse (craftycamping) its not all that fast as we are deep in the sticks- usually about 2mbs. EE and some other carriers now have very fast 4g which is excellent (65mbs) when outside - the thick foil insulation of the treehouse.effects signal inside.

There is a Dyson electric space heater to warm up when the logburner is getting going – this should last overnight before re-stoking in the morning. There is also a Dyson hairdryer & dressing table. The kingsized bed has a dual control electric blanket and there is also a heated towel rail.

There is no TV but lots of traditional games including Scrabble, Jenga, Monopoly, Puket, Backgammon etc & there is a hammock on the main deck & sauna and hot tub on the rooftop 'spa deck'.

THE HOUSE RULES

We want everyone who stays with us to have a relaxed and enjoyable time. We try and keep rules to a minimum but there do have to be some:

- No pets. Sorry, but there are lots of pheasants, deer etc in the woods and livestock in adjacent fields.
- No children, the minimum age on the whole of the site is 18. The treehouse does not satisfy building regulations for anyone under 18.
- No amplified music/radios and rowdy/noisy behavior that could disturb others on, or off-site other than the radio inside the treehouse.
- Please always remove shoes/boots inside.
- Please shut down the air vent & close the door on the logburner when going to sleep or leaving when you are leaving it unattended. If leaving the bbq please make sure that it has died down or been quenched before leaving it unattended.
- Please do not bring candles or tea lights (which are specifically forbidden in and outside the treehouse on the insistence of the fire officer) We supply candle lanterns with glass guards which are safe but please don't take the candles out of these glass lanterns as they pose a serious fire risk when unguarded.
- Please do not put ANYTHING on top of the log burner.
- Please consider the other glamping guests when outside or in the hot tub – particularly in the evening as sound travels through the peaceful woods.

EMERGENCY AND HEALTH

There is a First Aid kit in the communal kitchen behind the kettle. The nearest small injuries NHS unit is in Chard (directions/map in/by the First Aid box and in tent information folders); the nearest Accident and Emergency Unit is at the hospital in Yeovil.

RESTAURANTS THAT NEED TO BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE

There are many good pubs and restaurants and things to do on our local information map in the communal yurt. However, the following restaurants can be booked-up a long time in advance and so it's worth giving them a call before you come.

Our local pub, The Tytherleigh Arms, 01460 220 214 - excellent dinner and Sunday lunches.

Hix Oyster & Fish House, Lyme Regis 01297 446910

River Cottage Canteen, Axminster 01297 631862

River Cottage Park Farm – evening events and courses, 01297 630302

& many more – see our local places to eat, shop and things to do in the information section of our website.

We hope that you have a really enjoyable stay here in the woods.

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P.s. We encourage our guests to switch off (or switch to silent at least) mobiles, laptops etc in order to get the most out of being in the woods. However we also want to encourage guests to spread the word about their time in the woods on social media (ideally when back home!) please do tag us in any posts if you do social media, all pages of our website have links/buttons to our social media channels. www.mallinson.co.uk