

WELCOME



Castlemain Mill

Tranquility & Adventure - Forest of Dean



YOUR

Guide

**CASTLEMAIN MILL
HOLIDAY COTTAGES**

FOREST OF
DEAN

WALKING &
CYCLING
HEAVEN

DOG
SAFE



Welcome

Welcome to your home from home!
Thank you for choosing us for your stay, it's
a pleasure and privilege to be your host.

Rachel, Neil, Charlie and Amber hope you
will love it here as much as they do and
make lots of lasting memories with your
loved ones!

Please make yourself at home!

Meet The HOSTS



HELLO FROM NEIL AND RACHEL, AND THE WOOFs

Rachel and Neil (and Charlie and Amber) are new to the area but have been amazed at how welcoming the “Voresters” are. We imagine that’s because life in the forest is definitely at a slower pace than we are used to and everyone seems chilled and happy. Still can’t get over seeing the sheep wonder down the road though.

Rachel & Neil MacDonald



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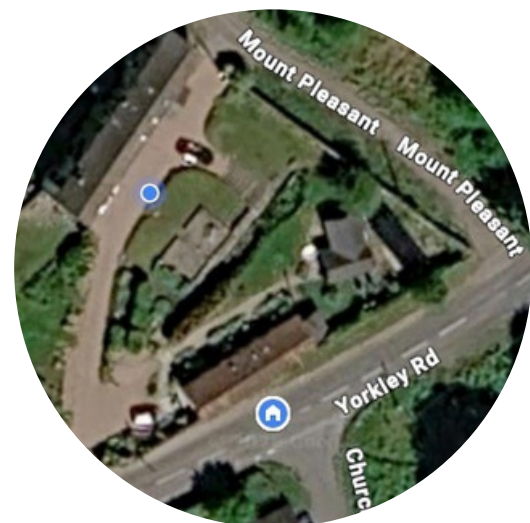
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About The

MILL & COTTAGES



Castlemain Mill and The Cottages sit on the outskirts of Parkend in 3/4s of an acre of secure garden. The original house dates from the early 1800's originally as the air and water pump machine room for the Castlemain Colliery. The cottages were originally stables and converted into Holiday Lets in 2013. In the grounds is a mediteranean style terracing built by Italian PoWs.



**DOG
SAFE&SECURE**

**SECURE
AUTOMATED
GATES**

**ALARMED
BIKE
STORAGE**

**GL15 4HH
WHAT-3-WORDS**

Arrival & **CHECK IN**

Check In

3:00PM



To gain access through the gates, enter the number on the keypad, previously provided followed by the # key.

The same code is used for the key-safe to the right of the cottage door.



Check Out

10:00AM

Please leave the key either in the door or key-safe.

If you need a later check-out please just ask but it depends entirely on whether the next guests are due the same day.



WIFI

NETWORK

CM-Guests



PASSWORD

Boar&Deer



Things TO KNOW

LOCATION



We are accessed from Yorkley Road via a code-controlled electric gate. A remote control will be provided on arrival. GL15 4HH or [what-3-words](#)

PARKING



Secure off-road parking. Once through the main gates there is a parking space for each cottage on the right. If you need more space we can provide in the house car-park.

EV CHARGING



We have invested heavily in off-grid electricity and are pleased to offer a Fast EV charging point, attached to the main house. Just ask to use it, it's free !

HEATING & WATER



The cottages are very energy efficient with heat controlled via a digital time-dependant thermostat.

LAUNDRY



There is a dedicted laundry with washer and dryer, clothes line and cleaning materials.

MOBILE SIGNAL



Limited mobile signal but you can use wifi-calling through the strong wifi network available in all areas.

SUPPLIES



Cleaning and toiletries, towels & bedding are all free.

FOOD SHOPPING



Parkend post office have emergency supplies and local produce, while supermarkets are in Lydney, Coleford and Cinderford

Your **COTTAGE**

HORSE GIN

The first of the cottages you come to comprising an open plan kitchen, dining and seating area, shower room and mezzanine level double bed.

DOUBLE BED AND SOFA BED.



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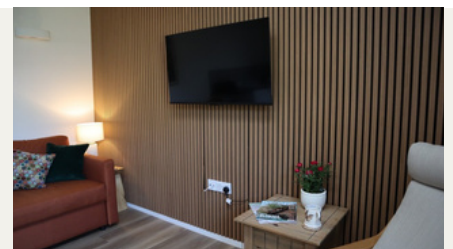
Furthest from the parking area, comprising single-level bedroom, ensuite shower room, kitchen, dining and seating area.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Both cottages have the very latest smart TVs with super-fast broadband capability. The wifi is capable of Ultra-Hi-Def content.



OUTSIDE&GARDEN

Both cottages have private gated seating areas with dog-secure fencing. A shared BBQ area with multi-burner or charcoal BBQs and seating /serving area





The **KITCHEN**

SOME THINGS TO KNOW

We have equipped the kitchens with everything you need for a comfortable stay, whether you choose to cook-in or eat-out

- We have a separate dedicated laundry room which helps to keep the cottages dry by minimising moisture
- Anything else you need please let us know. And don't worry about breaking anything, it happens, no problem.

APPLIANCES & COOKWARE

- Refrigerator
- Freezer
- Electric Hob
- Oven
- Air Fryer
- Microwave
- Electric Kettle
- Dinnerware for 6 Guests
- Cutlery
- Pots, Pans & Bakeware
- Variety of Glassware
- Cooking condiments, & oils



*Enjoy
Complimentary*

Tea, coffee, milk & sugar
Biscuits
Soaps and cleaning materials



House RULES

01

NO SMOKING

Please no smoking or vaping inside the cottages or grounds.

02

NO GUESTS

For insurance & planning rules we need names of all guests.. Non-registered guests are fine for a few hours but are not allowed to stay overnight. Parking is for guests only.

03

NO PARTIES

To maintain the calmness of the grounds and to respect comfort and privacy, we ask that noise is kept to a minimum and no parties.

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PETS WELCOME

We are dog safe. Each cottage has dog safe fencing in case your dog is anxious/reactive. Poo bags are provided. No Alpacas on the furniture.

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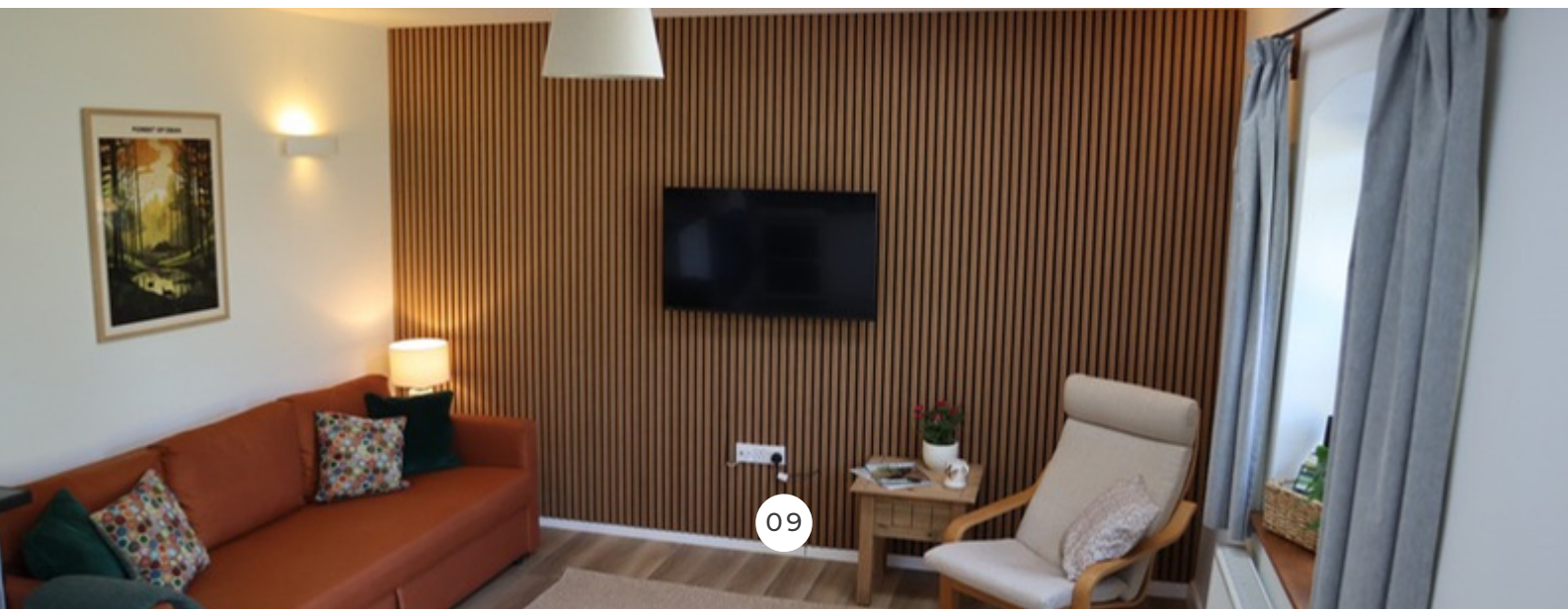
RUBBISH

Refuse and recycling bins can be found by the BBQ area, bags will be provided, but dont leave outside as Wild Boar and our dogs see it as a challenge.

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DAMAGE

Accidents happen, no worries. If glass is broken please dispose of safely in the glass recycling bins by the BBQ area.





Emergency **INFORMATION**

EMERGENCY CONTACTS



Neil MacDonald - 07810 647900
Rachel Sacree-MacDonald - 07979 317208

FIRE EXTINGUISHER



Fire fighting equipment is provided and the fire assembly point is in the car park next to the map-post

FIRST AID KIT



First aid kits are in the cupboard under the sink

HOSPITAL



The nearest hospital is 20 minutes away by car.

Forest of Dean Community Hospital, GL14 3HY



Appliances & **ELECTRONICS**

TELEVISION

We have just installed the very latest SMART TVs with all the usual apps. Please remember to log-out before you leave.

COOKING

Instructions for the oven, hob and air-fryer are available in the cottage info pack on the window-sill

WASHER / DRYER

A Washer/Dryer and separate Air-Pump Dryer are available in the Laundry, soaps provided. Please don't dry clothes inside the cottages.

BARBECUE

We have a fantastic Aussie style multi-burner BBQ, or for the purists we also have a Weber Kettle with charcoal provided. Along with the seting area, these can be found in the wooden lodge.

AND MORE...

- In-cottage thermostat
- Ice Maker if needed
- Hair Dryer
- Floor Fan
- Safety grip in showers
- Refrigerator
- Stove / Oven
- Air-Fryer
- Microwave
- ...and in case you are wondering, the white electronic box is the wifi hub that ensures high-speed wifi everywhere

RUBBISH

& Recycling



RUBBISH

The main rubbish bins and recycling are under the canopy in the wooden hut.



RECYCLING

The recycling bins can be used for glass and glass bottles, tins/cans, paper/cardboard and there is a food waste bin which is used for bio-fuels



COTTAGE BINS

We will provide bin liners for in the cottages, please ask for more if you run out.
Please place full bags in the black bin and don't leave outside as our dogs and the local wild boar see that as a challenge.

Getting AROUND



ON FOOT

Literally 10 meters to the actual forest and 100 meters to the centre of Parkend



BY BIKE

Over 200 miles of interconnected well maintained trails throughout the forest, starting only 20 meters from our back-door



BY CAR

Nothing in the Forest of Dean is more than a 10 minute drive, and the major cities of Gloucester, Bristol and Cardiff are all within 50 minutes drive.



SHEEP

The sheep have amazing road-sense and are very tolerant, but please take care when driving as we sadly see many injured animals especially during lambing season.



The Forest of Dean



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|  | Parking |  | Viewpoint |
|  | Parking (charge) |  | Go Ape |
|  | Toilets |  | Wildlife hide |
|  | Cafe |  | Camp site |
|  | Picnic area |  | Caravan site |
|  | Play area |  | Food van |
|  | Bike hire |  | Monument |

Cafe, toilets and parking charges at Wenford are seasonal

* The food van at Carnoy Ponds is seasonal.



Feral wild boar

Join today

**forestryengland.uk/
membership**



Things TO DO



CYCLING

There are a lot of cyclists, and why not, we have some of the best trails in the country. Our own workshop is there for simple maintenance or full rebuilds



WATER SPORTS

Paddle boarding and canoeing from Symonds Yat and sailing from Lydney Harbour, which is also an amazing walk along the Severn Estuary



SPORTS

We are well served for sports enthusiasts being close to major Rugby, Football and Cricket grounds, as well as the delight of watching the local cricket teams on sunny summer weekends

WALKING

200 miles of beautiful well maintained tracks interspersed with the mandatory coffee and cake cafes. The trails literally start from our back-door

FILMING LOCATIONS

Yes, it's a thing...many people seek out the many filming locations seen in Harry Potter, Star Wars...

EATING OUT

Our favourite is the Fountain Inn pub just 2 minutes walk down the hill. Really great food and wonderful chatting with the "Voresters"

FOREST
OF DEAN &
WYE VALLEY

Film & TV TOURISM TRAILS...

Your gateway to the far-away worlds
of star warriors, magicians and the ancient lands
of legendary, mythic heroes and villains.

Design: www.frankmadedesign.co.uk



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www.visitdeanwyefilm.co.uk
Join the conversation #deanwye



Discover the **magic** of
film and TV within the
Forest of Dean & Wye Valley.

**Experience what it's like to walk in the footsteps of your
favourite film and TV characters in the Forest of Dean and
Wye Valley by exploring the area for a great family day out.**

The area's ancient forest and stunning natural beauty has long provided
inspiration for writers and artists – Turner painted the dramatic ruins of
Tintern Abbey and J. K. Rowling grew up in the village of Tutshill after which
she named a Quidditch team.

Film location managers and visitors alike love our rural scenes,
historic inns, ancient buildings and magical woodland.

J. J. Abrams himself actually heaped praise on the
Forest of Dean in his final letter to the cast and crew
of Star Wars VII: The Force Awakens and we're sure
that you will share his enthusiasm.

DID YOU KNOW?...

Did you know that Joe Meek,
the legendary record producer from
the 1960's was from Newent?
The story of Joe's life is told
in the 2009 film Telstar, starring
Con O'Neill and Kevin Spacey.

J.K. Rowling, author of the Harry Potter books,
grew up in Tutshill, nr Chepstow and attended
Wyedean Comprehensive School, where she
frequently told stories to her fellow students.

English writer, J.R.R. Tolkien was a frequent visitor
to the Forest of Dean. Puzzlewood is said to have
provided his inspiration for the forests of Middle Earth
in his famous Lord of the Rings trilogy.

Frank Oz, well known for voicing the
wise Yoda in the Star Wars franchise
was born in Hereford.

Joseph Mallord William Turner was an
English painter, considered a controversial
figure by some. Turner's early work includes
traditional paintings of English landscapes
including Tintern Abbey in Monmouthshire.

Dennis Potter, doyen of TV drama, was
born in Berry Hill in the Forest of Dean,
which had a profound effect on his work.

If you're looking to explore more of the area, our family friendly attractions,
adrenalin fuelled activities, or experience our tea rooms, Michelin star restaurants,
and award winning hotels visit www.wyedeantourism.co.uk for more information.



DON'T FORGET HERE!



Star Wars: Episode VII: The Force Awakens 2015

Starring: Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford and Carrie Fisher

Instead of being filmed in Hollywood, the highly anticipated Star Wars Episode VII: The Force Awakens was filmed at Puzzlewood in Coleford. Our heroes travel to a forest world in their space odyssey.

www.puzzlewood.net

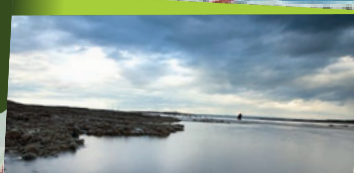


Jack the Giant Slayer 2013

Starring: Nicholas Hoult, Ewan McGregor and Warwick Davis

This blockbuster film was set amongst the magic of Puzzlewood and features as the forest of Gantua, the world in which giants live at the top of the beanstalk, where Jack, Roderick and Elmont travel to find Isabelle the princess.

www.puzzlewood.net



Captain America: The First Avenger 2011

Starring: Chris Evans, Hayley Atwell and Tommy Lee Jones

The Hollywood production was filmed in various places in the UK including an ex-Royal Naval Propellant Factory in Caerwent, Wales.



The Huntsman 2016

Starring: Emily Blunt, Chris Hemsworth, Jessica Chastain, Rob Brydon and Charlize Theron

The production crew and some of the cast of the upcoming fairytale 'Snow White', The Huntsman, were spotted filming in Puzzlewood.

www.puzzlewood.net



Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part One 2011

Starring: Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint and Emma Watson

Coppett Hill features in the film Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1. It's a snowy scene in which Harry, who is a little dazed and confused, asks where they are. Hermione explains that they are in the Forest of Dean and that she and her family used to holiday there when Hermione was much younger.



King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table 2016

Starring: Charlie Hunnam, Katie McGrath

King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table has recently been filmed in the Forest of Dean and Wye Valley. King Arthur's cave as seen in the film was filmed at the prehistoric cave standing in the shadow of Great Doward.

FILM PRODUCTIONS

TV PRODUCTIONS



Doctor Who 2005 - 2013

Starring: David Tennant and Billie Piper

The series has been filmed in a variety of different locations across the Forest of Dean and Wye Valley, have you recognised the Time Lord in Chepstow, Caerwent, ever Beechenhurst, Monmouth, Puzzlewood or Clearwell?

www.puzzlewood.net / www.clearwellcaves.com



Merlin 2008 - 2014

Starring: Colin Morgan, Bradley James and John Hurt

Merlin has had the beauty of the Forest of Dean and Wye Valley as backdrops including Raglan Castle, Cannon Ponds, Speech House and Puzzlewood.

www.puzzlewood.net



Atlantis 2013 - 2014

Starring: Mark Addy and Jack Donnelly

Puzzlewood features in the first series episode A Girl By Any Other Name. Chepstow, Ninewells and Clearwell Caves also lent its inspiring natural beauty to the production crew during the stages of filming.

www.puzzlewood.net / www.clearwellcaves.com



Da Vinci's Demons 2013

Starring: Tom Riley, Gregg Chillin and Eros Vlahos

Puzzlewood has been used by the producers of the series to create the look and atmosphere of 15th century South America.

www.puzzlewood.net



Tree Fu Tom 2012 - ongoing

Starring: Tim Whitnall and Sophie Aldred

Tree Fu Tom is a popular children's show produced by CBeebies. Puzzlewood was used to film the magical opening and closing sequences for the animated adventure series.

www.puzzlewood.net



Sex Education 2019 - ongoing

Starring: Gillian Anderson and Asa Butterfield

The Net ix show is filmed throughout the Wye Valley. The distinctive red and white Chalet that overlooks the river Wye at Symonds Yat is the home of the main character, Otis played by Asa Butterfield and his mum Jean (Gillian Anderson). This and the Wireworks Bridge at Tintern are constant features in the series as well as Browns Village stores in Llandogo.



New Worlds 2014

Starring: Pip Carter and Phil Cheadle

It could almost be the eastern seaboard of America and the kind of site where pioneers might settle which is exactly how Beechenhurst was recently used when Channel 4 tv series New Worlds arrived for filming.

www.forestry.gov.uk/beechnhurst



The Dare Devil 2013 - ongoing

Starring: Dan Antopolski

Digging in their passions, fears and phobias this popular children's programme was once filmed at The National Diving Activity Centre in Chepstow.

www.ndac.co.uk



Places TO SEE

DEAN FOREST RAILWAY

A 2 minute walk down the hill you come to the amazing steam railway, with steam engine trips to Lydney

📍 Parkend Station



PUZZLEWOOD

Nestled within the heart of the Forest of Dean, Puzzlewood offers a mesmerizing blend of ancient woodland, maze-like pathways, and a sense of magic around every corner.

📍 Perrygrove Rd, Coleford



SYMONDS YAT

The world-famous Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Any trip to the forest needs a trip to 'The Rock' as well

📍 B4432 from Coleford



Places TO EAT



FOUNTAIN INN

Great food, locally sourced with local beers.
Very welcoming and you'll have a lovely chat with the locals.
Best to book, 01594 562189

📍 Parkend, GL15 4JD



SIMPLY WILD

Michael Fowlers restaurant. A frequently changing menu, made with seasonal and predominantly local ingredients. Not cheap.

📍 Coleford, GL16 8AQ



ONLY FOOD & SAUCES

Worth a photo and a trip for the food. Freshly cooked butcher-quality burgers from Hanks Meat and Game

📍 Whitecroft, GL15 4PA



COCO & BLISS

Fantastic cafe with an artisanal vibe serving en-vogue drinks and food including Acai bowls, smoothies and delicious toasties.

📍 Tydney, GL15 5HW



MAIN BED



SOFA BED

All bedding provided,
with a mattress
protector for the sofa
bed.



BEFORE

You Go

LINENS



Please strip the bed and leave in bedroom. Used towels please leave on floor in bathroom

DISHES



If you have time, please wash dishes and leave to dry.

FOOD



Please empty all cupboards and fridge. But feel free to leave as many full bottles of wine as you wish... :)

LIGHTS



Please make sure all lights, appliances and electronics are turned off.

WINDOWS & DOORS



Please make sure all windows and doors are closed and locked.

KEYS



Please return the keys to the lockbox, gate remote controls and bike shed keys can be left on the dining table & message us upon departure.



THANK *You*

Thank you for choosing to stay with us! It was a pleasure and privilege to host you. We hope you enjoyed your stay and come back again soon!

As a returning guest we would love to make sure you benefit from the best rates and will be given priority at busy times. Email or call us...we would be delighted to hear from you.

Neil & Rachel

If you have a moment,
please consider leaving us a Google review!

