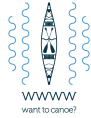


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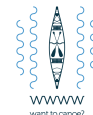
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Welcome to Racquety Farm! We're very pleased you've chosen us and wish you a wonderful stay here; it's a peaceful place where people can forget about their busy lives and really relax.

The farm is small but efficiently run on Organic Farming Principles and is inspected by the Soil Association. We encourage re-cycling, biodegradable products and packaging and so forth as well as an over-arching respect for the environment.

Yes there are 'weeds' and wildflowers, **yes** the facilities are simple but as a result we have an abundant wildlife and our visitors really feel they are amongst nature.

With best wishes,

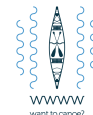
Aubrey, Clare & Hector
Ros, Geoff & Katy



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USEFUL LOCAL INFO

HOSPITALS

Main A&E Hospital (18 miles from Hay):

Nevill Hall Hospital, Brecon Road, Abergavenny, NP7 7EG, Tel: 01873 732732

Main A&E Hospital (26 miles from Hay):

Hereford County Hospital, Stonebow Road, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR1 2BN, Tel: 01432 355444

Minor Injury Unit:

Brecon Memorial Hospital, Cerrigochion Rd, Brecon LD3 7NS, Tel: 01874 615800

MIU Opening times: 24 hours 7 days a week

X ray opening times: 9-4.30pm Monday – Friday 9-12.30 Sat and Sunday

DOCTOR

Haygarth Doctors, Forest Rd, Hay-on-Wye, Hereford HR3 5DS, Tel: 01497 822100

DENTIST

Hay on Wye Dental Practice, Oxford Road, Hay-on-Wye, HR3 5AJ, Tel: 01497 820421

My Dentist, Oxford Road, Hay-on-Wye, HR3 5AJ, Tel: 01497 822730

OPTICIAN

Jackson and Gill, Back Fold, Hay on Wye, HR3 5EQ, Tel: 01497 821260

VET

Hay Vets, Greenfield Ind. Estate, Forest Road, Hay on Wye, HR3 5FA, Tel: 01497 820863

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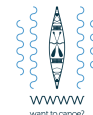
Hay Bus Hay Taxi, Louise Williams, Tel: 07974106656

32, 16, 8 ad 5 seat vehicles, dogs and muddy boots welcome, can also move up to 8 canoes/kayaks, bicycles etc. Taxis must be booked in advance as there are very few companies in this area.

HOUSEKEEPING

If you need us please don't hesitate to call or text –Aubrey & Clare 07725816277 / 07469250203
Ros & Geoff 01497 820565 / 07966420822 / 07848040430

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IMPORTANT STUFF

GATES

PLEASE keep any gates shut at all times as you are now in the kingdom of livestock who love nothing better than getting out and having a nibble of things they shouldn't! Livestock can cause serious car accidents, or damage woodland or themselves if they escape their fields. Always make sure that you shut gates properly and secure them once you have passed through.

OUR YOUNGEST GUESTS

If you are bringing youngsters to Racquety Farm please make sure that they are safe and that you know where they are playing. We appreciate that many children do not get the opportunity to play in an unstructured environment every day and although we really hope to offer young people and children the chance to engage with the natural world positively, there are good reasons to ask that visiting children are not allowed un-supervised access to any of the woodland areas or the river banks. Our main concerns relate to minimising any potential damage to trees, plant life, animal life and rare species that have been identified at Racquety Farm as well as an equal concern for the safety of visitors at all times.

For this reason we politely ask that children have a responsible person accompanying them at all times and that all visitors, of whatever age, stick to the areas designated as accessible.

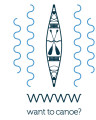
ACCESS

Where a notice says PRIVATE or NO ENTRY PLEASE or similar it is to protect, conserve and nurture the wildlife and countryside as well as keep visitors safe.

The accessible areas are spacious and there are good public footpaths with access to the River Wye running adjacent to the farm in easy walking distance. Please use them and enjoy them - they are beautiful.

Particular recommendations are for The Warren, a 20 minute walk from the farm along a woodland path accessed from just the other side of Hay Bridge. The Warren is a favourite picnic and play area with a beautiful river beach - ideal for skimming stones, paddling and many use it for swimming.

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MOBILE RECEPTION

Hay on Wye is pretty good for 4G coverage so if the wifi is being a bit slow try switching to 4G on your devices where possible.

APPLIANCES

- Larchwood Shower-Block - There is underfloor heating throughout which (unless it's warm and/or summer) will be set before you get here so it is always nice and warm.
- Larchwood Shower-Block - The water and heating is heated by a wood fired boiler system using wood from the farm alongside solar panels – for this reason the water is never piping red-hot but it's the most sustainable shower you've ever had!
- Small camping shower units and kitchenettes on the field – water is heated small gas fired boilers so the water is nice and hot in these units!
- Laundry –if you would like any laundry done Clare will happily oblige for a small fee, just give us a call! Alternately there is a launderette in Hay on Bell Bank Road near the main carpark.
- Please use the wash-stands/sinks on the camping field for washing-up – not the shower-block

DOGS

We love dogs! We hope your dog/dogs enjoy their stay here – it really is a wonderful area for walks.

We have just a few requests:

- Please do not leave your dog unattended in your tent/vehicle or anywhere on the farm
- Please don't bring your dog into the woodland and toilet block area
- Dogs must be on a lead **at all times**

When outdoors on the farm please supervise your dog at all times:

- Dogs must not be simply 'put out' of the door to do their business. Your dog can cause mayhem easily by chasing wildlife and damaging habitat or nesting sites.

We have two resident dogs, Guinness the Jack-Russell Terrier who is generally with Ros and Morgan the Cocker Spaniel who is generally with Clare, both of whom woof a lot but are otherwise big softies! Please let us know if your dog(s) have issues with other dogs and we can

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either have an organised meeting to help them make friends or we can try to ensure our dogs and any other visiting dogs don't disturb you.

RUBBISH & RECYCLING

Across the farm as a whole we encourage a 'leave no trace' approach so please only use the landfill as a last resort, wash and sort all recyclables and pop all food waste in the caddy provided. If you're not sure please ask! All the different bins are in the camping fields by the wash stands and dotted around in other useful places – if you're not sure please ask us, we'd rather help and get it right than rummage around in the bins after you've gone 😊

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FISHING

Our fishery, called Wyeclyff Fishery, constitutes two thirds of a mile of left bank fishing directly above Hay-on-Wye, Wyeclyff directly overlooks the fishery so it couldn't be more convenient. This beat offers some excellent trout fishing throughout its length, particularly on the upper part of the beat. There is also good opportunities for a salmon below the weir and anywhere along the sweeping left hand bend before the river approaches Hay bridge. The coarse fishing is also excellent with specimen barbel and chub present as well as some big pike. Wading is of mixed difficulty and studded soles are essential, especially for the upper, bedrock-dominated section. For the lower sections, the river flows over gravel and is much easier-going.

Rules and Regulations

- EAW bye-laws must be observed and it is up to anglers to familiarise themselves with these.
- Catch & release for all species
- Dogs allowed but must be kept under control at all times
- This Beat operates a Wash-Off Policy
- Current Coarse Fishing Regulations must be adhered to at all times

Day Tickets available

Please note that when we say a "rod" is available, we mean a fishing permit for one angler.

To book fishing please telephone Ros or Aubrey – 07469250203 OR via The Wye and Usk Foundation using: <https://www.fishingpassport.co.uk/>

We highly recommend the Wye and Usk Foundation (WUF) website for information about fishing in Wales and The Borders. All the rules and regs can be seen there as well as river reports and environmental advice. Their work is invaluable, WUF look after the environment to maintain our river systems for all of our benefit. Please support their work if you can.

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YOGA, MASSAGE AND WELLNESS

If you fancy something lower-octane we'll give you Grahams number... Graham is [River Flow Yoga](#), now frankly a beautiful part of the furniture here at our Larchwood Studio, he's here a couple of days each week on a termly basis offering Flow and Slow Flow Yoga classes, 1:1, family or couples sessions plus Thai Yoga Massage - it's lush!



OTHER ACTIVITIES

Well where do we start... you are in the kingdom of outdoor adventure!

TOURIST INFORMATION

We are so fortunate to still have a Tourist Office in Hay on Wye, thanks to a large group of dedicated volunteers who run and man it to ensure it's open pretty much every day! Winter hours are 11am – 2pm and at all other times the office is open from 10am – 4pm, Monday to

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Sunday. Please support this valuable resource and pay them a visit, apart from advice and the usual leaflets, maps and booklets they sell a host of local gifts and goodies.

- Chapel Cottage, Oxford Road, Hay-on-Wye, Herefordshire HR3 5DG (almost opposite the main carpark by the zebra-crossing)
- Telephone: 01497 820144

We will happily recommend other local treats such as horse-riding, bike-hire, gorge-walking, paint-balling, excellent foot-paths, waterfalls, glass-blowing, beautiful gardens, historic sights and buildings, book-shops, art galleries, tea-rooms, pub lunches, unique dining experiences. . . the list is endless in this magical part of the world! Here's a few to get you going . . .

BUT REMEMBER! If you're really keen to get stuck into something particular then do be sure to check before booking your accommodation/camping that it's running/available during the dates of your trip.

CANOEING

Local providers we rate are:

(located here on the farm)

want to canoe? Racquety Farm, Hay on Wye, Tel: 01497 820604

www.canoehire.co.uk

www.whitneybridge.com/canoeing

(nearby in Hay and Glasbury)

Celtic Canoes www.celticcanoes.co.uk

Interactivities www.interactivities-uk.com



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Caving

Rich ([Caving Training](#)) our pal is also a bit of a legend in the caving world and exclusively offers you our guests caving experience days - explorations of challenging natural features in deepest, darkest underground Wales!

Forest School

Sam and his team from [Rooted Forest School](#) inhabit some secluded patches of the woodland for bush-craft and survival groups.

Cycling

- Drover Cycles - <https://www.drovercycles.co.uk/>

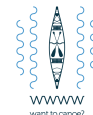
Horse Riding

- Bryngwyn Riding Centre is six miles from Hay and offers Riding Lessons and Hacking for all ages and ability. A family-run business, great location and views.
 - HR5 3QN, 01497 851669, 6 miles away
 - <https://www.ridinginwales.com/>
- Free Rein offer Trail Riding for novice and more experienced riders. A very professional outfit but with a friendly, relaxed approach
 - HR3 5LE, 01497 821356, less than a mile away
 - <https://www.free-rein.co.uk/>

Climbing

- Llangorse Multi-Activity Centre has a fantastic Indoor Climbing Wall. Now with over 1,580 m² (17,000 ft²) of climbing surface, the centre boasts many unique features such as the only indoor natural limestone featured climbing walls in Wales.
 - LD3 7UH, 01874 658272, 12 miles away
 - <https://www.activityuk.com/indoor/indoor-climbing/>

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Gliding

- Talgarth airfield is home to a small and very active gliding club, 970 feet above sea level in the stunning scenery of the Black Mountains. They offer flying lessons, mini-courses, trial lessons and group bookings. Katy and Geoff have had lessons and they loved it!
 - LD3 0EJ, 01874 711463, 10 miles away
 - <http://www.blackmountainsgliding.co.uk/>

History

The area is rich in history. There are lots of exciting castles to visit and historic houses and communities. Some of our personal favourites are:

The Big Pit – The Welsh Museum of Mining is a really great experience. Real Welsh miners will show you what work underground was like. This is a very authentic experience. Just down the road from The Big Pit is Blaenafon Ironworks; also a great place to visit and immerse yourself in some industrial history.

- NP4 9XP, 0300 1112333, 1 hour away
- <https://museum.wales/bigpit/> and <https://cadw.gov.wales/daysout/blaenavonironworks/?lang=en>

Park Wood and Hergest Croft Gardens – just beautiful at any time of year!

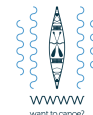
- HR5 3EG, 01544 230160, 10 miles away
- <http://www.hergest.co.uk/>

Pwll-Y-Wrach, Bronllys Castle and Talgarth Mill - for a lovely little local journey

- Talgarth, 10 miles away
- <http://www.breconbeacons.org/itineraries/pwll-y-wrach-talgarth-mill-bronllys-castle>

The Elan Valley Dams - Elan is a haven for wildlife, one of the most important sites in Wales and there is always something to warm the heart throughout the year. You will marvel at the engineering enterprise of the Victorians in building the dams and the railways which served their construction.

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- LD6 5HP, 01597 810880, 1 hour away
- <https://www.elanvalley.org.uk/visit/visitor-centre>

CASTLES – a castle should always be on the list!

Croft Castle and Croft Ambury (Iron Age Hill Fort)

- HR6 9PW, 01568 780246, 25 miles away
- <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/croft-castle-and-parkland>

Tretower Court and Castle

- NP8 1RD, 01874 730279, 17 miles away
- <https://cadw.gov.wales/daysout/tretowercourtandcastle/?lang=en>

Raglan Castle

- NP15 2BT, 01291 690228, 35 miles away
- <https://cadw.gov.wales/daysout/raglancastle/?lang=en>

White Castle

- NP7 8UD, 29 miles away
- <https://cadw.gov.wales/daysout/whitecastle/?lang=en>

CINEMA

Yes Hay has a cinema! – Booths - Brook Street, Hay-on-Wye, Hereford HR3 5AA

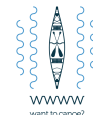
cinema@boothbooks.co.uk

Tel. 01497 822010

FOOD & SHOPPING

Nearest pint of milk – A two-minute drive/bicycle or a lovely fifteen-minute stroll into Hay on Wye town centre. Either use the river path and pick up the road or head down the drive, turn right, over the bridge, turn right and you're in Hay! Hay has heaps of independent shops, for essentials head to Pughs @ Londis in the centre, Hay Deli on Lion Street or Spa on Castle Street.

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We have one supermarket which is over the bridge and turn left, it's a Co-Op and although not enormous it has plenty of everything one expects from a supermarket.

Castle Greengrocers is great for local produce, fruit, veg and wine!

Hay has two independent Butchers, Gibbons on Castle Street and Small Farms on Broad Street (which sells mainly organic meat and produce). There's also an independent, family run chemist, two hardware shops, two florists, lots of bookshops (see below), lots of bric-a-brac and vintage shops and some good antique shops. There are excellent clothing stores plus a very swanky, traditional outfitters that is a must for browse.

Half-Day Closing: A few shops in Hay are CLOSED at mid-day on Tuesdays (mostly Grocery Shops and the Post Office).

MARKETS

We have a fantastic Thursday Market in Hay, 8am – 2pm. Stalls are dotted around the town offering a mixture of local produce, arts/crafts and antiques. There's a smaller foodie market on Saturday mornings in the undercover Cheese-market in the centre of Hay off Castle Street.

BOOKSHOPS

It wouldn't be Hay if we didn't talk about bookshops! At our last count there were 24 bookshops in Hay, there's a helpful, annual Booksellers leaflet including a map of which there should be copies of in the house.

EATING IN and OUT

Yum yum... it's foodie-heaven in Hay!

Quite often you don't even need to leave the farm to enjoy some great local grub. We have pop up food events right here at Larchwood Studio throughout the year featuring **A Rule of Tum**, **Origin Pizza**, **Trigg Food Events famous Kebabs**, **El Cerdo Verde Tacos** and **Boca Loco** – up and coming dates and details are posted on the website guest-book pages, our social media and on the info boards at Larchwood in the summer.

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Hay Hangry - our brand new Hay Delivery Service, a top bunch of youngsters eager to serve the people of Hay with convenient eats and treats – they deliver to you at the farm, just let them know your house name or pitch number when you order.

Pizza Pizza!!

Origin Pizza - Nick and Bea need no introduction, just get a pizza, eat it, fall in love!

The Pizza Box - Joey and Martha are local legends who have travelled around Italy perfecting their pizza.

Both pizza places are FAB ... you can preorder and collect from their various locations or organise delivery through Hay Hangry or sometimes they make a special appearance at the farm.

Heading into Hay . . .

Ice Cream?

Shepherds Ice Cream Parlour – a Hay on Wye institution and too many flavours to even mention! Head to the top of Castle Street opposite the Cheese-market.

Coffee and Cake?

The Old Electric Shop – Great coffee and superb 'free-from' options in the cake department... plus it's a must-visit department store (Hay-style) as well! Almost opposite the Clock Tower.

The Bean Box – Fantastic coffee by the river

Cosy Café – new and trendy, great juices and healthy options

Dog Friendly?

The Granary – Proper country-café, huge menu, open fires, outside seating, friendly faces. Opposite the Clock Tower.

It's also important to point out that nearly all the places on this list are dog friendly, at the very least by arrangement and at specific tables/seating areas. Thumbs up for dogs in Hay!

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Family Friendly Lunch and/or Supper?

The Three Tuns – under new ownership since summer 2018, this place is great! A mainly Italian-themed menu plus traditional Sunday Roasts but using the best local ingredients and with a specific and plentiful menu for children. They also offer take-away via Hay Hangry if you fancy a cosy night in with no dishes to wash.

Telephone: 01497 821855

Special Occasion?

Chapters – a very special treat!

The Swan at Hay – renovated in 2017 at a cost of over one million pounds this is a proper hotel experience but the staff are friendly and relaxed and it still feels like 'Hay'. Great menu that changes seasonally.

Telephone: 01497 821188

Off Grid Gourmet – this is the 'wild-card'! It's an off-grid dining experience out of town in the hills (but only a ten-minute drive). Private parties and families catered for with ease.

Owner/chef Hugh has created something really special and cooks up beautiful, yummy feasts in an open kitchen whilst chatting away to you, it's brilliant fun!

Telephone: 07538 037770

The Bulls Head, Craswell – re-opened in 2022 this is THE place to eat right now

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Wishing you wonderful adventures with
us here on the farm...

if you love sharing and keeping in touch please
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