

CWM LLWCH – INFORMATION FOR PARTY LEADERS

1. INTRODUCTION

Cwm Lluch is an old farmhouse situated at 1000 ft. in the central Brecon Beacons. Grid Ref. SO 005238. It has been renovated from a derelict structure to provide basic accommodation for parties not exceeding 20 in number.

The kitchen is well equipped for catering for a party of 20 and there is ample sleeping accommodation in 2 rooms for which over 20 mattresses are supplied. Party leaders are responsible for the conduct of their groups whilst at the farmhouse which we hope will be treated with the respect it deserves.

Do not store mattresses in the right-hand chimney alcove in the south room upstairs or they will become damp.

2. ACCESS

Cwm Lluch lies roughly 4 miles SW of BRECON and it is just possible to reach the farmhouse by car. The last kilometre of road is unmade and the track beyond the car parking area is quite severe. Although visitors to Cwm Lluch have a right of way to take vehicles up to the farmhouse, the National Park Committee is anxious to limit cars from proceeding beyond the parking area and visitors are particularly asked to use the top section of track as little as possible. Cars left overnight in the car parking area should display a note stating that the owner is in Cwm Lluch, but nothing of value inside should be left visible.

3. SERVICES

WATER: Water from the tap in the kitchen has been micro-filtered and should be used for drinking and cooking. It is advised that water is run for 2 minutes if the hut has not been used for some days. Do not attempt to interfere with the filtering apparatus in the white cupboard under the draining board. If the pressure drops check that the tap in the field to the west has not been left turned on.

GAS: The cost of the gas is covered by the rental. Please be economical. When the red flag shows in the small window on the regulating valve above the washbasin outside the toilet cubicles, please inform the Cwm Lluch Secretary.

COOKING: There are 5 gas rings and a small oven.

LIGHTING: Provided by Calor gas lights. Read the instructions on the notice board before attempting to use them. NEVER USE MATCHES – if it will not light try again later.

FLUIDS Detergent, disinfectant and toilet fluid are no longer provided. Please do not overuse any of these fluids as they can adversely affect the efficiency of the cesspit. Some Flash will assist the clean-up. No teacloties or dishcloths are supplied.

It is recommended that visitors take their own FIRST AID KIT.

4. REFUSE

The accumulation of refuse in the Cwm Lluch area is becoming a problem and visitors are particularly asked to take all rubbish away with them when they leave. Most household rubbish will burn but empty tins and bottles should be removed; a robust cardboard box or polythene fertilizer bag serve as convenient containers. There is a bottle and aluminium bank in Brecon Market car park. Please do not put ashes near the front of the farmhouse, use the ruined buildings to the north. The farmer still uses the sheep dip occasionally so it is important that nothing is thrown into it.

5. SANITATION

Do not put any form of garbage down the toilets. Please ensure they and the basins are left clean when you leave.

6. CAMPING

Prior permission for camping on the surrounding land must be obtained from Mr Baden Powell or his son, Colin (01874 622702).

7. FIREWOOD

Please replenish any firewood you use before you leave; this will always ensure that there is a good supply of dry wood when the next party arrives. The supply of fallen dead wood in the area is getting scarce and on no account must any standing trees or branches be cut down. Colin Powell, Brecon 622702, can usually, with adequate warning, provide a load of wood for about £40 - it is best to negotiate the price beforehand. The fireplace should if possible be cleared before departure. Please take every precaution against fire risk and note the location of the fire extinguishers. If an extinguisher is discharged it is imperative that the Cwm Lluch Secretary be informed.

8. GATES

All gates in the area should after use be kept closed at all times.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

TELEPHONE: Cwm Lluch telephone number is Brecon (01874) 622255. Please add a contribution to your rental for any calls that you make. International and Adultline Calls are barred.

POST: The Head Postmaster has indicated that he is unable to deliver letters to the farmhouse.

10. SECURITY

It is most important that when the shutters are opened they are securely pinned back so that they cannot flap in the wind. If this is not done considerable damage can result to the shutter hinge pins on which they hang. When you leave the farmhouse to go hill walking, we advise that the door is locked, the windows closed, the shutters are left open but secured. At your departure, please make certain that all windows and shutters are firmly closed and the door locked using both locks.

11. EMERGENCY

On arrival Party Leaders are advised to check that the telephone is working and to familiarize themselves with the list of emergency telephone numbers, which are displayed.

12. FIREWOOD – ADDITIONAL NOTE

Firewood is increasingly hard to find. Please note the following;

- Never use green wood. You are welcome to collect fallen branches from the stream valleys, but please do not trespass onto private land.
- Please replace what you find. It is customary to leave firewood for future tenants, yet in the past few months, new arrivals have found that there has been little or no wood left.
- The local farmer, Colin Powell, can usually provide wood, but only with adequate warning. Please let Colin know at least 5 working days before you arrive.

13. FOOD – ADDITIONAL NOTE

Please please please, **DO NOT LEAVE FOOD.**

Food attracts mice and rats and whilst perceived as a gesture of goodwill to future tenants, will inevitably mean that parties arrive to trails of droppings.

PLEASE RETURN THE KEY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER YOUR STAY TO;

CWM LLWCH SECRETARY – STEWART JOHNSON

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