



WELCOME TO THE FORGE!

Here is some useful information to help you get the most out of your stay.

BELL TENT

The bell tent has a double set of doors – one with a fly net and then an outer set of waterproof doors. You can roll them both open and pin them back for greater access and ventilation. It's a good idea to keep the outer doors shut at night and when the weather is wet to avoid water getting into the tent – also please close them when you leave. In the wooden chest you will find extra pillows and hot water bottles and blankets – if you need extra blankets let us know and we can provide these for you. The LED lights pull up to switch on and push down to close and can be hung from the hooks on the central pole. When it's a bit wet and mucky it would be helpful if you could leave your muddy boots on the deck outside or in the kitchen area.

CAMP KITCHEN

The camp kitchen has mains running water which we collect in a barrel under the sink and use for our young trees. The gas hob lights easily with a match – just turn the knob anti-clockwise and then press the yellow button in and hold until it has lit. There is a fire extinguisher and a first aid kit by the doorway and a solar powered phone charger on the windowsill that works with your regular USB cable. You can empty the grey water when the barrel is about half full onto a nearby thirsty looking tree – all our washing up and hand wash products are 100% plant based so these will not harm the trees. Our recycling bins are good for glass, plastic, paper, card, and tin – please use the main black bin for any food or general household waste. If your bin is full, you are welcome to use the communal bins behind the shower block and just ask us for more bin bags, or we will empty them at the end of your stay. If you require additional tea towels or ice packs for the cool box during your stay, please just let us know and we can leave these out for you. We reuse the egg boxes and milk bottles (including the lid and the string label) so please leave these out for us when you leave.

COMPOSTING TOILET

Very simple to use and very clean and eco-friendly – we use all the compost created to feed our new woodland. You just pee in the front part of the toilet and poo into the main chamber. After a poo throw down a couple of scoops of sawdust and all toilet paper goes into the main chamber too. Anything else (nappies, sanitary products) goes in the bin provided. Always make sure you close the lid when you leave and use the anti-bac gel to wash your hands. And if you could make sure the door is closed securely that would be great in case the wind picks up.

CAMPFIRE

There is a fire circle next to your deck where you are welcome to start a fire. We have supplied firelighters and kindling in the camp kitchens for you to get this started – just let us know if you need a hand getting it all going. There are additional bags of logs in the store box on the outside of the camp kitchen – they are £6 a bag so just help yourself and we can settle up when you leave. There is a large skillet that you can use to cook over the campfire – aim to light the fire an hour before you want to start cooking so the flames are not too big. Add a little oil and you are good to go! When you have



finished cooking just wipe the skillet with a piece of kitchen roll while it is still warm, there is no need to use soap and water on it.

SHOWERS

There are hot showers for the use of all guests by the main gate to the car park. There is also a large catering sink with hot water if you prefer to do your washing up here instead. There is also a communal toilet adjacent to the showers which you are welcome to use.

HAMMOCKS

There is a hammock frame set up for you and the fabric is inside your tent. If you could pop the fabric bit inside if it looks like it's going to rain that would be great!

HILL FORT & FIRE CIRCLE

You are welcome to wander up to the hill fort above the tents to enjoy the views and the fire circle. All we ask is that you don't wander over any gates or fences into the farmer's field next to where the bell tents are located, especially during lambing season! This is also our home so please respect any signs which indicate our private spaces.

DREWYN

Drewyn is our communal games cabin named after Caer Drewyn, the local Iron age hill fort that you can easily walk to from The Forge. In here you will find a table tennis table, books, board games and a large comfy sofa and log fire. A great place to enjoy yourselves, especially if it's a bit wet – we just ask that you please leave the cabin as you found it for our other guests.

CHECKING OUT

Our check out is at 10am and it would be great if you could leave the place clean and tidy as you found it, with the washing up done and everything back in its place. There is no need to formally check out with anyone but if the shop is open and one of The Forge team is around do pop over to say goodbye before you go.



SIOP YR EFAIL | THE FORGE SHOP

Our onsite shop is usually open daily from 9-10am and from 4-5pm selling glamping essentials, bushcraft kit and lots of local produce. We accept cash or card payments. We can also lend you local Ordnance Survey maps and walking guides, plus provide tourist information for the local area. Here is a selection of what we have on offer, but our stock will vary depending on the season so always worth popping your head around the door to see what's in! And if the shop is not open, please feel free to text 07377 190346 between 9am and 5pm and we'll be very happy to open up for you!

PRICE LIST

Bag of logs - £6.00

Natural firelighters - £1.00

½ dozen fresh eggs from The Forge hens & ducks - £1.50

Bag of marshmallows - £1.00

Chocolate bars – 3.00

Popcorn - £1.00

Crisps - £1.00

The Forge mugs - £7.80

The Forge playing cards: £7.80

Local jams and chutneys - £3.50

Grandpas fire fork - £4.80

Petromax Dutch oven - £45.60

Petromax cooking tripod - £54.00

Petromax large BBQ tongs - £15.20

Petromax sandwich iron - £28.80

Petromax waffle iron - £28.80

Petromax griddle - £62.40

We also sell a selection of hand-crafted local artisan products including pottery, jewellery, and soap.



INFORMATION ABOUT THE LOCAL AREA

SHOPS

Nisa – local convenience store which sells all the essentials – from the end of the drive turn right and follow the directions into Corwen and it is located on the main A5 through road. Open from 9am – 9pm daily (opens at 10am on Sundays). 01490 413180

Rhug Estate Farm Shop – lots of local produce including meat produced on the farm. Excellent bistro and take-away burgers and good coffee available too. Open from 9am – 5pm daily. 01490 411100

TAKEAWAYS

Abul's Indian – very good curry (won Best Curry House in Wales in 2015) and will deliver if the order is over £100 – just mention that you are staying at The Forge. Open every day 5-11pm. 01490 413016

China Garden – good Chinese takeaway opposite the Post Office. Open daily from 4 – 10.30pm except Tuesdays. 01490 412243

Parry's Plaice – Fish and Chips – yummy family favourites on the A5 main road. Open from 11.30am – 2pm and 4.30 – 8pm every day except Monday. 01490 412346

RESTAURANTS

The Grouse – our 'local' in Carrog, a 5 min drive away, serves up fantastic pub grub and lovely ales all overlooking the river and the old bridge. Food and drink served every day from 12 noon to 10pm. Dog friendly. 01490 4302722 – booking in advance advised.

Old Wive's Tales – Traditional Portuguese restaurant in Bala (20 mins) with a keen local clientele and a very homely atmosphere. Open Tuesday to Saturday from 5 – 10.30pm. 07428 473129

The Cornmill – A little drive away (20 mins) in Llangollen, this converted mill sits right on the river Dee and has great food and beers. Open daily. 01978 869 555

Gales Wine Bar – also in Llangollen, this beautiful, panelled restaurant is super-friendly with a local seasonal menu that changes regularly. Open for lunch 12-2pm Monday to Sunday and for dinner 6-9pm Monday to Saturday. 01978 860089

Tyddyn Llan – if you fancy treating yourself, we have a Michelin-starred restaurant only 15 minutes away in Llandrillo that serves up amazing food. Well worth the splurge. 01490 440264

Pale Hall – and just a little further on is Pale Hall, under executive chef Michael Caines that has a spectacular tasting menu. It's not cheap but the lunch menus are good value. 01678 530285

THINGS TO DO

WALKS – there is a lovely 4km walk up to the top of **Caer Drewyn** which you can see from your tent. This is one of the best-preserved hill forts in the area and you can still see all the stone ramparts. From the top there are stunning views down the Dee Valley and on a good day you can see Snowdon! There are also lots of lovely shorter walks around the river and in the woods behind the town which can range from 0.5km – 5km. This summer there is an art installation called Waking the Giant in the **Pen Y Pigyn** woods where you can see various things that the giant left behind before he fell asleep in Dol Corwenna. The walk up to **Liberty Hall** takes around 4-5 hours there and back from here and is well worth it! Just ask us if you need any more information about walks or trail runs in the area or down into Snowdonia or the Berwyn ranges. We have OS maps available on request.

MUSEUM – there is a local museum in the town which has a wealth of information about the area and our local hero, Owain Glyndwr, the last Welsh prince of Wales who is reputed to be buried in our lovely local church. Entry is free and the volunteers are happy to answer any questions you may have.

MOUNTAIN BIKING – One Plant Adventure in Llandegla has an outstanding selection of rides through the forest with bike hire and an amazing on-site café. You can also rent bikes at Llyn Brenig.

FISHING – the local River Dee offers some of the best river fly fishing in Wales. We can arrange for one day permits with CADAC (Corwen and District Angling Club) which offers you stretches of the river Dee to fish for salmon, trout and grayling.

WATER SPORTS – white-water rafting, gorging, canyoning, river-bugging and more are all available with our partners SAS Outdoors and White Water Active in Llangollen.

STAND UP PADDLEBOARDING – this can be done on flat water on the canal at Llangollen or on the river Dee if you are more experienced. www.standuppaddleboarduk.com

A bit further afield down into Snowdonia and on the coast, there are loads of things to do so let us know if you need some inspiration and we can share our ideas. We can also let you in on a few secrets about the best places in the local area....



THE BEST LOCAL PLACES...

To see RAF fighter jets. Head to the Mach Loop, about a 45-minute drive from here and a real once-in-a-lifetime experience to see the jets fly over you and then duck down and away down the valley. If you are lucky, you might catch them flying over The Forge on their way to the loop.

For a lakeside picnic. Take the Bala Lake Railway and get off at Llangower for a stunning picnic spot and a fantastic opportunity for a stone skipping competition! Marvel at the crazy tree root in this Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) while enjoying your sarnies.

For afternoon tea. The Sugar Plum Tea Room in Rhewl, just outside Ruthin and about a 25-minute drive away serves up the best afternoon teas. Make sure you go hungry and if you are feeling decadent, splash out on a glass of fizz while you are at it. 01824 702852

To spot red squirrels. We have red squirrels living in Clocaenog Forest just a short drive from here. Go quietly and you might just be lucky enough to see them...

For a paddle and a pint. The Grouse Inn in Carrog has a lovely outdoor seating area where you can watch the kids and the dog paddling in the river Dee on a warm day. You can also wander along to the tea rooms at Carrog station for yummy local ice cream.

For locally made ice-cream. Head to Aran Ice Cream on Bala High Street. They change the flavours regularly and offer ice cream 'tapas' if you can't make up your mind. They also make special ice cream for dogs! 07570 410034

For local ales and gin – just across the road from Aran Ice Cream in Bala is Stori – a wonderful cavern of locally produced beers, ales and spirits. They even have a BYOF (Bring Your Own Food) policy so you can enjoy what they have on tap in the little room at the back whilst enjoying your lunch. 01678 520501

For a romantic meal – The Sorbus Tree in Ruthin provides bistro dining that can be delivered, or you can pick up to enjoy at The Forge. Sample dishes include fillet steak medallions Diane, Cantonese pork belly strips and orange and mascarpone cream profiteroles. hello@thesorbustree.co.uk



OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Our closest **A&E department** is at Wrexham Maelor hospital around a 25-minute drive away. We also have a local surgery for any minor complaints – 01490 412 970.

Rowlands **Pharmacy** can be found in the main square in Corwen and is open 9am – 6pm Mon to Fri and 9-11.30am on Saturdays. Closed on Sundays. If you are stuck over the weekend, please let us know and we can help out.

The nearest **petrol station** is in Glan-yr-Afon which is on the road to Bala about 10 mins drive away.

We are very happy to welcome dogs but please pick up after them so we can all enjoy the space 😊. We do have a **vet** in Corwen for any emergencies – 01490 412 276.

For any questions or issues please text or call 07377 190346 between 9am and 5pm. We ask that you contact us outside of these times for emergencies only – thanks!

Do feel free to tag us in any photos or posts on social media – you can find us on Instagram and Facebook (**@theforgecorwen**) and Twitter (**@forgecorwen**).

We hope you have a wonderful stay!