

Lean-To Welcome Pack

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The Lean-To was built on to the North end of an old threshing barn in Burlingjobb, Powys, Wales. Surrounded by soft green hills and poetic ridges straddling the Anglo-Welsh border. The black exterior cedar cladding was designed to be in keeping with the original cladding of the old barn but updated in a modern way. The whole build was designed and made by the owner, architectural designer Paul Gent (www.paul-c-gent.com) Paul also designed and made all the fitted elements inside the lean to, including, Kitchen, Windows/doors and bed, storage and staircase, to create a continuity of style and tone.

A feeling of space has been created in a relatively small footprint by the use of high ceilings. The use of vertical lines in the floating staircase extend the space and draw the eye upward. Paul wanted the building to be modern yet traditional using local timber and materials for a 'softer modern' look. The building was made using a timber frame, cedar cladding on the exterior which has been charred using the Japanese Shou Sugi Ban technique. The black timber was continued inside on the interior beams and windows.

The furniture has a mid century theme with pieces from Ib Kofad Larssen, Arne Jacobsen and Guy Rogers. We like the timeless element of this classic style of furniture, but also the sleek, modern aesthetic juxtaposed with interesting antiques and oddities. There is a charred black statement staircase which is the focal piece of the room.

We have tried to provide everything you might need for a comfortable stay including cooking facilities, however please do let us know if there is anything you think we could provide that would make Hergest Lee more comfortable or better equipped.

If we are not able to greet you upon arrival please find the key in the key safe by the door, the thermostat that controls the heating panels is found by the bathroom door. Please do not turn this off.

This is our home and we love welcoming guests here. We do have young children and you might hear them sometimes. However your garden area is totally separate and not overlooked by us. Our garden is located on the opposite side of the barn.

(Please note you may need to check opening times for restaurants and activities).

General Information.

Our check in time is 4pm and check out is 10am.

Arriving - If you simply put 'Burlingjobb' into the google maps app this will bring you here. The postcode often takes you down the track opposite. Upon arrival, if you could park in the car parking area, sometimes it's hard to see the Lean-to in the dark because it's black, but head up towards the curved fence at the end of the old threshing barn and you will find it there. You will see the entrance and the big black barn just park opposite that.

What 3 Words ; Belonging,combos,blissful

WiFi - Vodaphone 38a939

PASSWORD - kY3AMtngntTxPX7g

We will be available should you have any queries, we do have small children and we're usually putting them both to bed from 6.30-8.30pm so please try not to call on us at this time. You can always text us and we'll reply as soon as we can.

We also ask that any noise outside is kept to a minimum after 11pm. I'm afraid we do not allow guests from outside to visit the property unless they have booked to stay with us.

If visiting in the Summer months we would appreciate it if you could put any food away as soon as you can so as not to encourage flies. We have provided fly swats and we can also provide fly papers if you wish to use these, please let us know and we can drop them off.

Tea and coffee you can find on the shelves in the kitchen in glass jars. The kitchen is fully equipped with all utensils needed for cooking and eating, we have a two burner gas hob, fridge & toaster, full size oven. Please do not put oil or fat down the sink. It blocks the pipes, you can empty it into the flower beds outside or into the bin.

To use the oven you need to set the timer, twist the timer button until it starts clicking. The hob is an induction hob, sometimes it locks, you need to press and hold down the padlock button and it will unlock.

Please note the single sleeping areas are located by a ladder so if you have small children please watch them on this as it is quite steep.

The big black screen mounted on the wall is not a TV it is a heating panel.

The door for the bathroom is a sliding door.

Please don't put drinks on the mid century unit as they can mark it.

If you have booked as a x2 and will not be sleeping in the same bed (e.g friends) please let us know no later than 24 hrs before arrival so we can make a separate bed up for you. If you do need the extra beds made up there will be an extra £15 charge (per bed) to cover the cost of laundering the extra linen.

Cleaning materials can be found in the unit in the living space in the large cupboard, there is also a hoover, mop and bucket underneath the stairs in the small cupboard. If anything needs replenishing please let us know and we can provide you with more cleaning cloths and supplies.

Hairdryer is provided in the bedroom.

We use mostly 'Piglet in Bed' bed linen if you would like to purchase you can with our discount code **HERGEST20**

We have provided a cafetière but if you prefer an espresso we have also provided a manual ROK espresso maker. If you have not used one of these before please see the details on how to use below.

- Load the porter filter with finely ground coffee. Load it to the top then smooth it with your finger. Use a teaspoon to press the coffee down to a smooth and level surface.
- Load the portafilter into the machine it has to click into place.
- With the arms of the machine down fill the plastic cup on top to the line marked
- Raise the arms of the machine all the way up

- Squeeze the arms down, raise the arms and squeeze again.

Emergency Contacts:

If something seems to be wrong or broken or you need to ask us something please don't hesitate to give us a call, if one of us doesn't answer please call the other.

Rachael: 07901615132

Paul: 07920181000

First Aid Kit: Located above the fridge in the kitchen (please can you let us know if you've used it so we can check it and replenish it for the next guests).

Fire Extinguisher & Fire Blanket : Located inside the coat cupboard as you come in to your left.

Smoke Alarms: Are fitted both upstairs and downstairs

Carbon Monoxide Alarm : In the living area

Fire Exits: Your front door. In the event of fire please make your way outside and depending on where the fire is please make your way to the driveway.

If you become aware of a fire, please contact the emergency services immediately on 999

Refuse

Please take your rubbish and recycling out with you when checking out.

There are three big plastic boxes located near the black bins on the driveway. Please make sure the glass bottles and cans are rinsed out prior to putting things in them.

We ask you kindly to recycle as much as possible and use the correct bins which are as follows:

- Plastic and Cans - Orange
- Paper and Card - Blue
- General waste - Big Black Bin
- Glass – Turquoise they will only take not broken glass

Amenities

Washing and drying Facilities: Hergest Lee does not have a washing machine but there is a launderette 2.5 miles down the road in Kington.

Appliances

Heaters

There are electric heating panels downstairs in the living space, these are located on the ceiling and the back wall. (There's a black one on the wall near the bathroom, it's not a tv). Please feel free to use them, but we ask that you try to remember to turn them off before you leave and also if you are out for the day. They are controlled using a thermostat which is on the wall, please don't turn this off.

Medical Emergencies

Doctor

Kington Medical Practice 8.30am – 5.00pm

The Surgery, Kington, Eardisley Road, Herefordshire, HR5 3EA | 01544 230302

The nearest A&E departments are:

Hereford County Hospital, Stonebow Rd, Hereford HR1 2BN - 01432 355444

Hereford is about 45 mins' drive away depending on traffic.

NHS Direct Wales on 0845 46 47 or 111

Dentist

Llandrindod Wells NHS - 01597 822507

Craig Dental - 01597 258 302

MyDentist (Builth Wells) – 01982 552725

Local Area Information

Taxis

We would advise you to book taxis in advance as they are quite limited in this area.

Radnor & Kington Taxi's

01547 560205

Kington Taxi's 01544 340584

Garrods Taxi's 01544 267220

Access Taxi's 01544 267739

Petrol Stations

The nearest petrol stations are in Kington (2.5 miles) and Presteigne (6 miles) Presteigne is not open all the time so I would suggest refuelling in Kington.

Shopping:

Kington is 2.5 miles away in the direction of Hereford and has a Co-Op, Spa, and a small Morrisons shop. It also has a good delicatessen. The Grapevine is a very good for fruit, veg and fresh fish, there's a couple of café's. There is an excellent butchers/deli called the Fork and Chicken they sell very high quality cuts of meat and excellent pastries. You will also find a library and post office in Kington. There is a very good walking shop, highly recommended. <https://kingtonwalkinghub.com/> call for opening times 07756 172 160. There is also a little eco shop called Planet B on the high street selling refills, natural soap, shampoo etc. They are open Fri and Sat 10am-2pm. Kington has a small swimming pool at the Burton hotel with a sauna and steam room which you can use for the day. Kington market is on a Friday Morn.

There is a small local shop in the nearest village of New Radnor 5 mins down the road called ESCO's They sell fruit, veg and basics. [01544 350619](tel:01544350619) Call to check opening times.

Presteigne is | 6 miles | away and has shops similar to Kington, Daphne's restaurant, a leisure centre with a small swimming pool. A lovely cafe and gallery/shop called The Workhouse and great butchers called Carini. The Deli here is very good (Deli Tinto) and there's a Local greengrocer which sells fresh fish on a Thursday. Presteigne has a couple of charity shops and is well known for its antique shops, Courtyard Antiques has some very unusual and exceptional stock, you can find them on the high street.

Hay on Wye | 12 Miles | The famous book town, very pretty and some fabulous independent shops and galleries. Booth's Secondhand Book shop is wonderful, it's like something out of a film. They have recently renovated Hay Castle and it's beautiful and fascinating, they also have a very nice cafe inside. There is a small independent cinema, a good Spanish tapas restaurant called Tomatitos, lots of pubs, and an excellent deli. If you are vegan there is a very good takeaway salad place called the Salad Project, check opening times as it's not open all the time.

Local Markets :

Kington | Friday | 9-1pm | A small Friday local food market, (go for the French chocolatier she is incredible, her chocolate covered prunes are delicious). Bread, fruit and veg.

Presteigne | First Saturday of the month | 9am till 1pm | The local food market is held in the memorial hall, selling mainly food and fruit and veg.

Hay on Wye | Every Thursday | 9-1pm | & a smaller market on a Saturday. A really great local market in the butter market in the centre of Hay, sells lots of local produce, spices, bric-a-brac, antiques, coffee and fruit and veg. Well worth a visit. It's nice to get a coffee and ice cream from Shepherds and sit outside and people watch.

Ludlow Market | Mon, Weds, Fri and Sat | 9-1pm | A bit further afield but worth a trip out. Ludlow is a beautiful market town. The market is a big one selling all sorts from local cheeses to flowers, fruit and veg and antiques. They have a specialist antiques market once a month too. See here for more details : <http://www.ludlowmarket.co.uk/>

Leominster is the closest big town (17.4 miles) has a range of shops including:

Morrisons & Aldi

Leominster is quite famous for Antiques and we love coming here for a browse. The charity shops are good here too. It also has a Holland and Barrett, Boots, coffee shops, excellent deli on Drapers Lane and a good simple café called The Flying Dutchman, it has some nice little independent shops and a lovely big park. There's a very good antiques centre called the Retro Station which we visit a lot.

Station Yard, Leominster HR6 8TW <https://www.facebook.com/theretrostationleominster/>

Llandrindod Wells is the other closest big town (18.8 miles) and has a range of shops including:

Aldi & Tesco there's also Vans Wholefood Shop: cheese counter, organic veg, fresh bread on a Friday only: Middleton St, Llandrindod Wells LD1 5BD

Plus there is: Post Office, Lloyds Bank, Cash Points, Butchers, Hardware shop, Verzons Book Shop, Boots Chemist, charity shops, builders merchants, café's and more, it has a big lake with a sculpture of a dragon in the middle which is nice to walk around.

Oakchurch Farm Shop <https://www.oakchurch.net/> (The Harrods of Hereford)! (But much more old-fashioned). This is a garden centre about 21 mins drive away but they also have a large food hall selling local cheese, meats and fresh fruit and veg.

Eating/Drinking

Closest Pubs/Eateries To Hergest Lee...

The Harp – <https://www.harpinradnor.co.uk/> Thursday – Sunday, you will need to book, 15 min walk up the hill. VOTED PUB OF THE YEAR IN THE UK 2020. Fantastic views, food and drinks.

The Royal Oak Gladestry <https://www.theroyaloakgladestry.co.uk/> - 2.5 miles down the road, a pretty little pub with a nice beer garden. You can also walk here over the ridge. It takes about an hour and the views are stunning. Food is traditional 'pub grub'.

The Stag Inn - Titley 10 min drive <https://www.thestaginn.com/> very good food (questionable decor).

The Fforest Inn - <http://theforest.co.uk> One of the oldest pubs in Wales. 10 Minute drive on the A44 at the Builth Wells (A481) junction towards Llandrindod Wells. A good pub to stop at after exploring the waterfall 'Water Breaks it's Neck' traditional pub food.

Daphne's - Presteigne.

We love it here! It's a pizzeria but with a difference, excellent wines and beer selection and try the owner Dani's home made cider (it's delicious we promise)!

Restaurants/pubs a bit further...

The Rhydspence Inn - <https://www.rhydspenceinn.co.uk> 10 Miles towards Hay on Wye. A former 14th century drovers' inn, The Rhydspence Inn offers you fresh seasonal food, fine wines, local ales. The food here is very, very good and they serve natural wines in a cozy and traditional setting.

The Riverside at Aymestrey - <https://www.riversideaymestrey.co.uk/food/> / 25 mins towards Leominster. A little further but worth it for the excellent food. They have an excellent menu and stunning setting, if you can ask for a table outside by the river (in the Summer of course).

The Cider Barn Pembridge - <https://www.the-cider-barn.co.uk> The Cider Barn is a 450 year old, Grade II listed barn at Dunkertons Cider Mill, Just outside the village of Pembridge about 10 mins away. They are passionate about celebrating Herefordshire's fantastic produce in their food, drink, the food is excellent here.

The New Inn Pembridge <https://www.visitherefordshire.co.uk/discover/new-inn-0> The New Inn is a Grade II listed building dating back to the 15th & 16th century, with some parts of the building dating as far back as the 14th Century. Steeped in history, the New Inn has been the centre of the community for centuries a sentiment that continues today, a truly local pub, with a warm welcome.

A little further...

The Bulls Head Craswell - <https://www.wildbynaturellp.com/the-bulls-head-inn> great food. If you are going to Hay-on-Wye and fancied lunch afterwards (or dinner) It's an unspoilt drovers pub with fresh and seasonal produce.

The Old Bank - Hay-on-Wye <https://www.oldbankhay.co.uk/> if you can get a table here (they do monthly pop ups) it is so worth it, the food and atmosphere is excellent

Chapters - Hay-on-Wye <https://chaptershayonwye.co.uk/> Located in the heart of Hay-on-Wye, Chapters menus showcase seasonal, locally sourced and often home grown produce. Carefully selected organic and low intervention wines match the food

Closest Cafe's...

Hergest Croft Gardens and Cafe - Opens at 11.30am from March - Oct | 01544 230160 - Very traditional but wonderful cafe in the grounds of Hergest Croft Gardens, sit outside on a sunny day under the terrace of the beautiful Arts & Crafts home which houses the cafe. You can walk here from us over the ridge in about an hour. It's a stunning walk. Great bacon sandwiches and home made cakes await you..

The Cattle Shed & Python Arms (Penhros Court Lyonshall) - Call for opening times [01544 230007](tel:01544230007) | An excellent cafe in a breathtaking surrounding, a former celebrity hideaway and housed Rock royalty such as Queen and ex local resident Mike Oldfield. Really good breakfasts. They also have an excellent pub joined on called The Python Arms it's very cozy, they serve dinner here in the evenings too

The Workhouse Gallery Presteigne | Weds-Sat 10-4pm <https://www.theworkhousegallery.co.uk/> a beautiful cafe and shop selling a carefully curated range of stock.

Border Bean - Small Cafe on Kington High Street serving coffee, tea and cakes.

The Thomas Shop 10-5pm Thurs, Fri, Sat & Sun- <https://www.thomas-shop.com> Really lovely cafe in Pen-Y-Bont about 15 mins drive away (perfect pit stop if visiting the Red Kite Feeding Centre). It has riverside seating outside in the summer and a small children's play area, most importantly.. The best cakes in Powys! All hand made by the owners Liz & Derek. Try the salted caramel brownie if they have it. It also has a fascinating museum inside the cafe, it's like stepping back in time. See the website for more information.

Takeaway:

Kington Fish & Chips 17 High St, Kington HR5 3AX | Thurs, Fri & Sat 4pm-10pm

Leintwardine Fish & Chips - Fiddlers Elbow (award winning fish and chips) perfect after a swim in the river.

Daphnes Pizza | 53 High St, Presteigne LD8 2BE | Thurs-Sun 4pm-9pm Sun 4-8pm / Highly recommended. A lovely little restaurant, sit and watch the world go by with some of Dani the owner's excellent artisan brewed cider and a very tasty pizza. (they do other food too). They have a selection of natural wines as well.

Fish and Chips | 52 High St, Presteigne LD8 2BE | Thurs - Sat 12-2pm Then 5-9pm Sun 5pm-9pm

Walking

There are lots of stunning places to walk in the local area. We can talk you through any of these walks personally when you arrive and we have an OS map that covers the local area (201 (knighton & Presteigne which is in the cabin for you to borrow. It's a good idea if you have a smart phone to download the O.S Map App <https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/shop/os-maps-online.html> This is a great app, it costs £2.99 but there's a 7 day free trial option

Walks from the Cabin

Stanner Rocks - The Stanner rocks walk is 1.5-2hrs round trip, a truly beautiful walk, quite strenuous and steep for a small part but well worth it when at the top, stunning views across the valley and wild horses at the top. There is a rare flower that grows here, see the link for more info <https://www.first-nature.com/waleswildlife/e-nnr-stannerrocks.php>

Worzel Wood - There are various circuits from 30 mins skirting the bottom of the woods to 2hrs for more adventurous routes mins in this beautiful woodland, one of our personal favorites.

Hergest Ridge - You can get up onto the ridge in about 25 minutes (if you're walking at a steady pace) The simplest route takes 2-2.5hrs. Stunning views all the way to the Malvern Hills, Brecon Beacons and beyond.

Hanter Hill - The walk to the impressive hill opposite the cabin takes 1.5-2hrs there are views of the black mountains and Brecon Beacons from the top on a clear day.

Short Drive from the Cabin

Water Breaks its Neck - 10 mins drive up towards New Radnor. Breathtaking waterfall and woodland to explore.

Radnor Hills - 10 mins drive from the cabin with easy parking at the top of Mutton Dingle which goes up the hill from the north of New Radnor. There is a hill on top of the hill called The Wimble just a 1hr round trip from the car park.

Nash Woods - 5/7 mins drive towards Presteigne on the Walton Road, beautiful woodland with amazing views at the top of the old hill fort.

Gardens

If you love gardens then you really are spoiled for choice around here, there are some stunning places to visit. My favorites are:

Hergest Croft | 11.30-5pm daily <https://www.hergest.co.uk/> Beautiful garden and woodland with cafe.

Rhodds Farm | The garden will be open from Friday 19 June until 29 August on Fridays and Saturdays from 11.00 – 5.00 Stunning garden to visit. <http://www.rhoddsfarm.co.uk/>

Westonbury Mill Water Gardens | <https://www.westonburymillwatergardens.com>

Nature

Small Breeds Farm Kington | <http://www.owlcentre.com/> | Open every day to Nov 1st: 10:30-5pm.

Red Kite Feeding Centre | Fun for all the family, a truly spectacular event, hundreds of Red Kites fill the sky. South St. Rhayader LD6 5BL | 01597 810 243 | <https://www.gigrin.co.uk/>

Bryngryn Riding Centre | <https://www.ridinginwales.com/> 01497 851669 Need to book beforehand.

Canoeing | Celtic Canoes | www.celticcanoes.co.uk 07515 905419 Book Beforehand

Wild Swimming

We love wild swimming and know plenty of local secret spots, please let us know and we will give you directions to these.

The Warren at Hay on Wye - Through a meadow to a big shingle beach with a fast flowing part of the Wye but great for swimming and paddling.

Wolfs Leap - An hour away but so worth the drive. Stunning scenery and deep pools to dive into from rocks. An amazing place.

Leintwardine - Beautiful spot for swimming/paddling, underneath a bridge opposite a very nice Pub called The Lion. There's also a good fish and chip shop in Leintwardine.

Pembridge - In the very pretty village of Pembridge next to a nature reserve you will find this spot, it has picnic benches and a small bit of river perfect for paddling.

Discoed - Lovely secluded swimming spot about 7 mins drive park by the big black barn and cross the field until you reach a gate, there you will see the river. There are sometimes cows in the field you need to cross to access the river.

The Washpool Irfon Valley - This spot is about 50 mins drive but so worth it, one of the most beautiful swimming spots we have ever been to. It has a large pool with waterfall at the other end, huge oak tree with a swing, just magical

Welsh Lavender Builth Wells - This is a really special spot. They have a gorgeous wild swimming pond and little shop and cafe selling cake and coffee. It's very lovely. Open Thurs-Sat 10am - 5pm Sat 10am-12pm always ring ahead to check they are open as sometimes they close for private events on the weekends.

'The Secret Lake' Pant y Llyn is near Welsh Lavender in Builth. We are not certain if you are allowed to swim in this one you would have to use your own discretion but it's worth a visit anyway as it's beautiful. It's called [Pant -y-Llyn](#). Park on the side of the road and it's a short walk up the hill and you'll see the lake. There's not a lot of shade here.

Relaxation Packages - If you would be interested to book a massage this can be arranged, we use an excellent masseuse who can come with heated bed and beautiful natural products.

Kundalini Yoga with Georgie - Georgie will come to you and spend some time practicing deep relaxation techniques

Train

The Heart of Wales line runs from Penybont (15 min drive mile from us). It is a request stop and there approx. 4 trains a day in each direction. <https://www.heart-of-wales.co.uk/>. This offers opportunities to make trips out to stops including Shrewsbury in one direction and Swansea with connections to Cardiff also.

The station name is spelt Pen-y-bont. You must use the hyphens to locate the right station on internet train sites.

There are also trains running from Knighton (18 min drive away) Trains to Craven Arms, Shrewsbury.

Busses

There is a regular bus service that runs from New Radnor to Kington. Kington also has a bus station with buses to Llandrindod and Hereford.

Timetables : <http://www.sargeantsbros.com/timetables.shtm>

Things to do with Children.

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Quackers Llandrindod Wells - Soft Play Actually quite a good one with some pretty intense drop slides and outdoor space <https://www.quackersnow.com/> | 01597 860111 | Newmead Farm, Newbridge-on-Wye, Powys, LD1 6HR

Pick your Own at Park Farm nr Pembridge (Strawberries, Raspberries, Gooseberries, Redcurrants and Blackcurrants) Summer Season (from late June) only. Ask for details.

Aardvark Cafe - Secondhand book shop and cafe with childrens pirate ship play area <https://www.aardvark-books.com/aardvark-cafe> | 01547 530 744 Business Hours: Mon - Fri: 10:00am - 4:00pm, Sat: 10:00am - 2:00pm, Sun: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Bryngryn Riding Centre | <https://www.ridinginwales.com/> 01497 851669 Need to book beforehand.

The Globe at Hay on Wye <http://www.globeathay.org/> - They have Lego in big drawers under the seating, good for little ones on a rainy day, they also have a great outdoor garden for children to play.

Croft Castle - National Trust | <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/croft-castle-and-parkland> They have a fantastic outdoor play area, cafe and grounds for the kids to run around.

New Radnor Play Park - Small play park in New Radnor with beautiful views and small picnic benches and willow tunnel.

We hope you enjoy your stay with us!

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Press Features:

The Sunday Times Homes (front cover)!

IPaper <https://inews.co.uk/inews-lifestyle/travel/hergest-lee-cabin-radnorshire-powys-wales-staycation-pod-accomodation-672323>

Dwell

<https://www.dwell.com/home/hergest-lee-0ccd2e53>

Guardian : <https://www.theguardian.com/travel/2021/aug/12/stay-cool-cabin-powys-wales-eco-build-explore-countryside>

SUITCASE Magazine : <https://suitcasemag.com/articles/Hergest-Lee-Powys-Wales>

Also see 9 of the best places to stay in Wales : <https://suitcasemag.com/articles/best-places-to-stay-wales>

Cabin Tripping - A book celebrating the best Cabins in the world by JJ Eggers (Cabin Tripping) Published by Artisan Books.

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Extraordinary Escapes Sandi Togsvig S3 Ep 3

British Cabins & Hideaways - a book by Holly Farrier