



Exmoor Centre

A remote basecamp for exploring the wilds of Exmoor

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The residential centre opened in June 1968. It is now administered by a Private Trust, with five local trustees who are the owners of the property.

It was established under the will of Dora Cartwright-Williams, it was her wish to see a centre for young people in the Hoar Oak Valley in the memory of her husband and their life together.

The centre is used by a number of different young people's groups, organisations and private individuals/families throughout the year.

Facilities.

Indoors: The spacious living area seats 30 (the maximum permitted) and is heated by a wood burning stove. The kitchen is equipped with a 4 burner gas hob and oven and all necessary pots, pans and cutlery. The wash room provides hot and cold water and two toilets and also has a shower. An electric-start generator (situated outside) provides mains power and lighting.

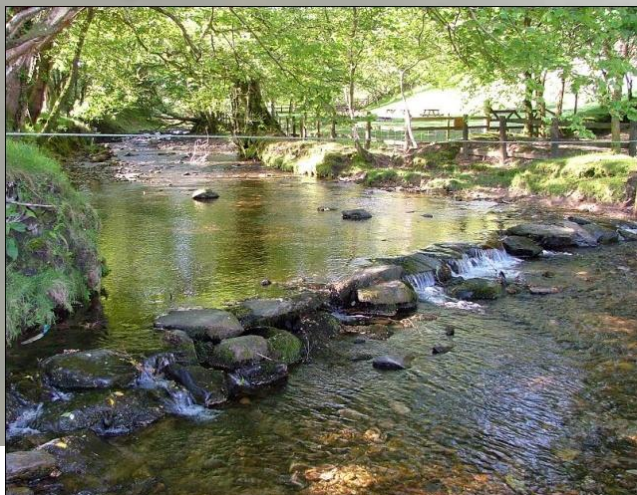




The two bunkrooms sleep 8 and 6 persons respectively. Staff or group leaders also have the option of sleeping in the living room if necessary in a pair of camp beds. Mattresses with mattress topper sheets are provided in the bunkrooms.

Outdoors: There is an outside fenced area that can easily be supervised, with a fence between the land and the river below. 16 people are permitted to camp within this boundary. There are picnic tables and bench seats with barbecue facilities for outdoor cooking and also camp fire-basket to sit around.

At the back of the building there is an external covered glazed drying area with ample hanging space for wet clothing and equipment. The grounds have access at either end of the boundary to the open moorland beyond.



Access to the centre on foot from the east is via a river crossing. Welly boots are recommended! Stepping stones are placed across the river and a hand rope is in place, care needs to be taken to avoid wet feet.

Location: The centre is in a remote location at the edge of farmland and borders open common moorland. It is 4 miles South-East of Lynton on the north coast of Exmoor. The nearest parking for the centre is half a mile away, from there access is by foot only, via stepping stones over the river and onto the entrance of the centre. The centre management can access the centre by 4 wheel drive vehicles for maintenance and the local emergency services also have access. Details of parking and the exact location are supplied with booking information or on request.



The Centre is open year round and is at its most spectacular in winter with hard frosty mornings being a regular occurrence high on the moor. Due to the bunkhouses sheltered location frosts can last for weeks on end with the temperature barely getting above freezing.



Exmoors high moorland streams are generally slow flowing above the treeline. In places they become deep enough for the brave to swim, they are rarely warm even at the height of summer.

There is no fishing to be had above the Exmoor treeline although rivers below are noted for their salmon and trout fishing.

There are otters breeding on the river downstream of the centre and heron are regular visitors to our pools.

The centre is a birdwatchers paradise, Buzzards are nearly always overhead, Kestrel and Sparrowhawk are regularly seen in the valley. The hedgrows are home to many birds and during the autumn Fieldfares fill the hawthorn trees upstream of the centre.

Britain's largest mammal the Red Deer can be seen most days on their travels between woodland and moor.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Can I bring my dog?

Of course, access to the centre is across farmland and the open moor is at times stocked with sheep and cattle to add to the abundant wild mammals so it is best to keep dogs on leads for their own safety. The centres grounds are fenced against stock but most dogs can easily escape under, over or through a stock fence.

Do I need to bring water?

The centre uses a spring water supply, it is generally reliable but can run dry in high summer and during the winter it can freeze. If this is the case we can supply water in containers for drinking.

Do I need to bring bedding?

The bunkrooms have mattresses and mattress topper sheets so you could bring warm sleeping bags and pillows if required.

Can I drive to the centre?

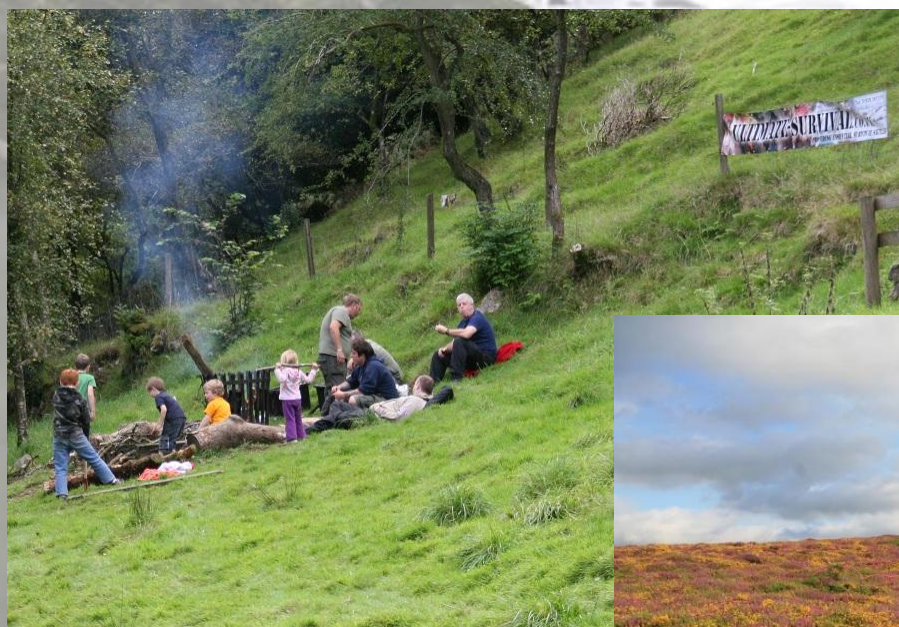
There is no public vehicular access to the centre as it is via a bridleway. Access even for 4x4 vehicles can be very hazardous and normal insurance will not cover you to drive off the vehicular right of way. We can transfer any equipment or luggage for you if need be. The centre is accessed on foot/cycle and it is a km from the nearest road. Details of parking provision are supplied with booking information

Can I use a mobile phone at the bunkhouse?

There is no mobile signal on any network at the bunkhouse. The nearest signal is approximately 100m away from the centre up the bridleway to either east or west.

Is there electric?

We use a 12v electric system to run the lighting and some 12v (car type) power outlets. There is a generator that can provide 240v power for larger equipment. Please advise us if you intend to use any of your own electrical equipment and ensure it is PAT tested.





Further Information and Links

[Exmoor National Park](#)

[Met Office – South West Forecast](#)

[Lynton and Lynmouth](#)

Links to our Friends

Barbrook Services – Petrol Station and Village shop.

Sparhanger Riding Stables

Brendon Manor Stables

Lynton Hardware – Camping equipment, Fishing gear etc.

Hardings of Lynmouth – Outdoor Clothing

Lyndale Tea Rooms – Lynmouth.