

Thinking of returning
to the Hay Festival
next year?

2015 Season Bookings.
When bookings open for Hay 2015 we mail only 2014 campers who pre-booked and stayed with us and any others who request to be on the one-off list used for sending out the announcement for 2015 bookings. If you do not wish to receive such an e-mail, please let us know.

Wye Meadow Campsite 2014 Guide



Welcome to Wye Meadow and the 2014 Hay Festival

A very warm welcome to Wye Meadow Camping. Thank you for choosing the site for your stay at this year's Hay Festival. We hope that you will enjoy camping with us and have a great time at the Festival.

Wye Meadow is a family run site that only operates

during the Hay Festival. All the crew you meet will be members of the family and their friends. If there is anything any of us can reasonably do to make your visit more pleasing, let us know.

Have fun whilst you are here. Attending the festival is a great ex-

perience but please first spend a few minutes reading this guide to find out how to make the most of your stay at Wye Meadow.



Gypsy Castle Lane,
Hay-on-Wye,
Powys

More than just Breakfast this year

New to Wye Meadow for the 2014 Hay Festival season and here to provide the true taste of good Welsh food for all Wye Meadow campers are the experienced outdoor caterers: A Taste of Wales.

Pay them an early on-site visit,
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We welcome Pillow Adventure Travel and all their guests of to the site. Pillow are providing glamping in row J. They may have some facilities and services on site strictly for use by their clients. Sorry—these will not be available to our regular Wye Meadow campers.

Help keep Wye Meadow safe, calm & beautiful



Always keep to the 5 mph speed limit on the camp-site

Enjoy your camping but please respect others space and peace

You couldn't possibly stay anywhere closer to the Festival but make sure you leave the site in ample time to get a good place in the queue for all your events .



Please keep to the doggy rules. It may be hard to believe but not everyone on site will love your pet

Drive with great care around Wye Meadow Camping. There is a speed limit of 5 mph. Please keep strictly to this limit. Minimise your on site driving and keep a sharp look out for children playing. Do NOT drive around the site after dark. If you arrive back at night, please leave your car in the arrivals area by the main gate and walk to your tent. If you have children with you, please see they are accompanied by an adult at all times.

Please observe all hazard and warning signs on the campsite. We are dependent upon nature to light up Wye Meadow, so take particular care when moving round the site at night. Be aware of any rough ground in the fields. Please be very careful if you are on the terraces in the main field. The pitches here have been leveled by laser so that they are perfectly flat but the resulting drops created between levels are very steep in places.

Always take sensible precautions to look after your property. Wye Meadow Camping does not provide any special security arrangements for campers' valuables and are not responsible for any camper's property that might be lost, damaged or go missing on the site..

Dogs are welcomed at Wye Meadow but only if they are well behaved. For the sake of other non dog loving campers our rules on dogs at Wye Meadow are that they should not be free roaming (i.e. on a lead if any risk of not staying under full control and close to you) and that they must not cause any nuisance to others camping.

This includes making sure they do not foul in any of the areas where others are camping or will be camping during the festival or where children may play. If you have brought your dog to the site, please see that it is immaculately behaved and always properly cared for.

Wye Meadow Camping Facilities

The central toilet and shower blocks will be kept clean throughout the Festival. Blocks will be temporarily closed in the late morning whilst cleaning takes place.

All showers are unisex. There is a block in the main field and individual units next to the barn in the Paddock. Gents toilets are in the main field block opposite the showers, immediately right at the entrance.. The other WC block in the main field for ladies only. There is also a Ladies and Gents WC block in the Paddock. Chemical toilets, sited round all the fields, are unisex & are regularly serviced by a contractor. Please leave all facilities as you would like to find them.

The generator providing power to the main blocks will be switched off at night to enable a peaceful nights sleep. Neither the central showers nor the ladies toilet block are operational when the generator is off and you should use the other available facilities at these times. The showers in the Paddock operate before the generator is started at 07:00.

Fresh mains water standpipes are next to the kitchen sinks. To wash up after meals, feel free to use these cold water only sinks. Do not use the hand ba-

sins in the toilet blocks for washing up. Please dispose of all food waste in the dustbins provided next to the sinks.

Chemical toilet waste to empty? Ask the crew for access to the disposal hatch.

Please bag up all your rubbish in the sacks provided on check in and deposit them in the skip



in the main field or in the trailer in the paddock. (Please do not use the dustbins by the sinks for this purpose.) More black sacks are always available at the site office. It is not practical to provide recycling facilities on site. Recycling centres are based in Hay Town Centre and Talgarth Car Parks. Leave your bottles, cans, papers & plastics in the recycle banks on the way home .

Please **only** dispose of waste BBQ ashes directly into the hot ashes drums provided in the Paddock and in the main field. Under no circumstances put hot ashes into the skip or the trailer.



When barbecuing at Wye Meadow, you must use a BBQ kettle that's kept well off the grass. Open fires on the ground are not permitted on Wye Meadow - without exception.

Visit the Wye Meadow Centre

Visit the area in and around the marquee for

A Taste of Wales .— For this year's Festival David and Julie of a Taste of Wales plan to extend your eating experiences on the campsite.



Breakfast will be served from 07:30 as in previous years but a Taste of Wales will also be giving you the chance to get reasonably priced meals from them at other times of the day.

In the past campers have told us if they'd like to get their family's evening meals at Wye Meadow. This year you can. you can forget about choosing between cooking on site or paying inflated Festival prices in town. Choose the Taste of Wales instead. You might also like to supplement your BBQ with other dishes from the Taste of Wales kitchen.

Check out the menus on display. Good Welsh meats and ingredients are used by Taste of Wales. You will be able to select healthy options or something a little more indulgent.



As well as providing on site catering, you will also be able to buy good Welsh milk and eggs from the Taste of Wales trailer to use in your own camp kitchen.



The little coffee van —

The coffee served at Wye Meadow during the Festival has a reputation for being some of the finest in Wales.

The Little Coffee van is back in the marquee. Paul and Tammy, will be on site for breakfast time (07:30 to 11:00) and may be longer throughout the day.

You will be able to buy the most delicious fair-trade organic coffee at a reasonable price everyday of the Festival. Ideal for waking Wye Meadow Campers in need of a special brew. The Little Coffee Van always make it the way you like it, leaving happy campers wanting more.

Paul will be applying his barista skills to serve up the most delicious coffee, organic teas and infusions, as well as children's drinks including fair-trade hot chocolate. Don't be surprised if Tammy hasn't once again been busy baking home-made special treats for Wye Meadow Campers to go with their coffees, including special Hay Festival/camping themed iced biscuits.

Davies of Hay—Newspapers

You will be able to buy papers from Davies of Hay at the Wye Meadow Centre in the morning only on the following days: Saturday, 24th May, Sunday, 25th May, Spring Bank Holiday Monday, 26th May, Saturday, 31st May and Sunday 1st June. If you

want to order papers on any of those days, ring Davies News-agent on 01497 820595, quoting your name and your Wye Meadow pitch number and specifying the papers you want to collect from their paperboy at his table in the Wye Meadow Centre and the days you want to buy them. He will be there from 08:00 to 10:00. (and tends to leave promptly at 10:00)

Your Camping Pitch & On-site Parking:

You have been allocated a numbered pitch. Please keep to your pitch and respect the space of your neighbouring campers. Your pitch is also your parking space.

If you are leaving a pitch before the end of the Festival, please be sure to vacate it by 11:15 am to enable the incoming camper to start setting up by 11:30 am.

If you have other Festival events to attend once you have left your pitch on your last day, you may park at no extra charge in the leavers parking area. Ask the Wye Meadow Crew where this is. Parking here is subject to availability on a first come, first served basis. You cannot reserve parking. Please take care not to block other vehicles in. You should display the top of the Wye Meadow registration document you received at check-in in the windscreen of your vehicle to show that you are a bona fide Wye Meadow leaver.

Be aware that on days when there are large numbers leaving the site, it may not be possible to accommodate every vehicle.

**For the Little Extra
Comforts for Campers
Make your way to
the Wye Meadow Centre**



Your pitch address can be found on the cone marking your plot. Please do NOT move any cones. They need to be in position for the campers that follow you.. If your children want to borrow cones to play football, we have spares to loan. Please ask the camp crew.



There are showers and WCs in Wye Meadow in the fields on either sides of Gypsy Castle Lane. We suggest you do not queue in the main field if the paddock showers are vacant and that you consider showering at other than peak times.



Away from Wye Meadow and the Hay Festival Grounds

The Warren is a very short walk down Gypsy Castle Lane towards Hay before turning left down the lane to the Warren. There you can enjoy the beauty of the Wye and the whole family can play in the parkland by the river.

The famous bookshops and Hay Town are further down the road past the Warren turn-off. A shuttle bus for town stops outside the Festival Entrance.

The Tourist Information Bureau is situated centrally in Oxford Road and is full of ideas for trips in the National Park.

If you are in need of cash. There are branches of Barclays, HSBC and Nat West with ATMs in town but beware they have usually run out of notes when it is Bank Holiday Monday, and you need them most



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It is just a short walk to the
Wye at the Warren

Getting to the Festival:

There is a pedestrian exit to the Festival in the hedge next to the Car Parking field on the Brecon Road. This will enable Wye Meadow Campers waste no time getting to the Festival. It is protected by a kissing gate to make sure children do not run out into the busy main road. Please do not force this gate into a position so that it is permanently open.. Turn left after the gate and walk towards Hay. The Festival is on the other side of the road, Please take great care in crossing the Brecon Road to reach the Festival grounds.

In the event of the weather turning against us, the grass verge on the Brecon Road may become very muddy and you should consider using the traditional route to the Festival. If you are camped in Rows A & B you may find this the fastest route in all conditions

Exit the main field by the gate opposite Gypsy Castle House. Go down Gypsy Castle Lane towards Hay until you reach a junction. Turn right into the Meadows. At the end of this residential road, you will see the Festival entrance to the right on the opposite side of the Hay-to Brecon road.

Your Wye Meadow Hosts are always here to help

**RECEPTION & SITE OFFICE NORMAL HOURS
OPEN 08:00–20:00**

Emergency contact with Wye Meadow when the crew are not available, ring Paul on 07836 500021 or Jeff on 01874 690245.

Crisis? What Crisis?

Let's hope you won't need a doctor or dentist whilst you are here but just in case you do, contact the Hay Medical Centre, Forest Road. Tel no: 01497 822 100. or Hay-on-Wye Dental Centre in Oxford Road. Tel no: 01497 820 421

If you need a Chemists, The Pharmacy, High Town, Hay is open Monday-Friday 9am-6pm & Saturday 9am-5.30pm

Left any camping gear at home? PSM Outdoors is 7 Castle Street 01497 820022 and just may be able to help.

Run out of camping gas? You can avoid taking your car into the Hay traffic chaos by exchanging your cylinder at the garage at Three Cocks (in the direction of Brecon) but don't run out over the Bank Holiday because they will be closed all day.

Try not to lose your car keys in the long grass but if you do, don't panic. Every time this has happened so far at Wye Meadow, they have always turned up.

A "Lost and Found" register is kept in reception. If you lose or find anything on the site, let us know and we will make sure it's recorded and get the Wye Meadow network going to return lost items to their rightful owners. Please remember your pitch number when you come to make a report. It's your camping address and makes it straightforward to trace you.



Look out for the banner showing
the Little Coffee Van is open and
serving the finest coffee in Wales



Feel free to put your own
flags out on your pitch