

Dyers Farm 'Mates Rates' Information



Thank you for arranging your stay at Dyers Farm.

The address: Dyers Farm, Nethercott, Near Braunton, North Devon EX33 1HT

If you have a sat. nav. the postcode will take you straight there.

Driving directions

M5 - off at junction 27. Turn right and follow link road to Barnstable (about 30 mins). On the outskirts of Barnstable take the ring road following signs to Ilfracombe.

Staying on the Ilfracombe road go through Braunton, then Knowle. As you go up the hill out of Knowle through the woods, take the first tiny turning on your left signposted Upcott and Nethercott 3/4.

Follow this road $\frac{3}{4}$ mile until it gets very narrow with an obvious fork to the farm on the right. Dyers will be right in front of you. Drive round it on the right, through the farm gate into the rear courtyard. Pause by the back door (with a diamond of glass in it) to unload. There is then plenty of room to park and turn round through the next farm gate in the large car parking area. Although there are some lights bring a torch if arriving in the dark!

Arrival and departure

Unless we have agreed other times with you the farmhouse will be free from 4pm on the day of your arrival. Please vacate by 10am on the day of your departure. When you arrive the back door of the farmhouse will be open and a key left in the lock for your use. There is also a key on the inside of the front door for your use. Please leave both keys in the inside of the doors when you leave and leave the front door locked.

Help while you are at the farm

There is a comprehensive Guest Information File on the sideboard in the dining room and leaflets in the draw below which should answer any questions about the workings of the farmhouse, as well as information about where to go and what to do. Our contact numbers are inside if we can help with anything.

Rob and Anita McIntyre, their children Fern and Lola, and their friendly dogs Rosie, Harvey and Teddy (rescue greyhounds/lurchers) live in Summercott, the barn conversion opening onto the back yard area. Phil and Rhoda Daniels and their whollie lurcher Pip may be in The Shippon, the cow barn conversion. They will be more than happy to answer any queries or help with any problems you may have. They share the back garden, parking and meadowland with you during your stay. The front garden is entirely for your own use.

Watersports and cycling kit

There is plenty of room for trailers, surfboards, kayaks and boats. At the top of the parking area is an open fronted hay barn, which provides cover for storage and overnight drying. There are also clotheslines on the lawn area. Please ask if you'd like more space or coat hangers etc. There is an outside tap and hosepipe in the corner of the car park. PLEASE DO NOT RINSE AND DRY SANDY KIT IN THE HOUSE – not only is it messy but the sand blocks the septic tank system. Thank you. Sea Kayaking South West is run from a barn in the car parking area. Please do not use this barn or equipment unless invited to by Rob McIntyre.

What to bring

North Devon is blessed with so many beaches, cliff top walks and visitor attractions for you to enjoy you'll have to bring you walking shoes, surfboard and camera. Mountain bike trails and walking paths go right past the farm.

For the Farmhouse:

Wellington boots for enjoying the meadowland and the stream running through the garden.

Torches - lovely nighttime walks but definitely no streetlights and limited lighting in the car park area.

Slippers - no outdoor shoes upstairs please and the flagstones downstairs can be cold underfoot.

Beach towels.

Mobile telephone - there is no telephone at Dyers Farm. In an emergency there is one in Summercott Barn.

Laptop - there is free Wi-Fi available although reception is poor. The code is in the Guest Information Folder in the farmhouse. Reception in this rural area is variable; best reception is usually to be found in the dining room.

There is a supply of maps (in the Guest Information Folder), DVDs, books (in the dresser in the dining room), magazines (mostly about kayaking – sorry!), toys, puzzles (in the chest in the living room) and wildlife identification books at the farmhouse but do feel free to bring more. There is also a CD player for your use and iPod dock on the TV.

Although there will be some supplies at the house you may wish to bring additional supplies of: firelighters, toilet rolls, soaps, dishwasher tablets, kitchen roll, washing powder etc. Spare light bulbs are in the hallway cupboard by the front door.

For small children there is a travel cot (kept in the bottom of the pantry but we will put it up for you if we know you need it). Please bring your own cot bedding. There is a highchair (kept behind the back door). There is a stair gate at the bottom of the stairs.

Dogs

For dogs there is a large dog bed in the kitchen and food and water bowls. You may wish to bring a dog blanket to use in the living room. Please let us know if you are bringing a dog so we can put these out for you. Please bring a dog towel to clean doggie feet after they have enjoyed paddling in our stream. Dogs are not allowed upstairs. There is a stair gate at the bottom of the stairs.

Please keep dogs on a lead in the immediate back yard area and in the area of meadow with the chickens in it. Please also be aware our fields beyond the chicken area may have sheep or other livestock grazing.

Facilities

The farmhouse kitchen/breakfast room is fully equipped for self-catering with large double oven and hopefully all the cookware you need. Kettle, toaster, microwave, fridges, small freezer compartment, dishwasher, washer/dryer. Also small ironing board and iron. Clothes hanging line over the lawn.

A high chair and fold up travel cot are also available.

We have oil fired hot water and central heating. The thermostat is in the dining room near the bottom of the stairs and the controls are in the airing cupboard. Press 'Advance' if you need more hot water or heating.

There is a solid fuel stove in the living room inglenook. If you need more logs please ask Rob. Instructions for using the stove can be found in the log basket in the living room.

Please DO NOT LIGHT THE RAYBURN IN THE KITCHEN as the chimney is damaged.

Costs

'Mates Rates' are £100 per night during term time and £150 per night during school holidays or bank holiday weekends.

There is a £50 'late leaving' fee for weekends if you wish to leave after 10am on the Sunday (or Monday if BH weekend).

If you stay for 2 or more nights these costs can be reduced by £50 per stay if you fully clean the house, empty the bins etc. and leave ready for the next guests to stay. (£50 is what we have to pay for this changeover sort out). The total cost can be reduced by a further £50 per stay if you bring your own bedding and towels (single duvet covers and sheets, 1 king size duvet cover and large sheet, pillow cases, house towels and beach towels.)

Dyers Farm bank account details: **Lloyds Bank, Rhoda Daniels, 30 90 54, 41138760**

Anything else you would like to know?

Please feel free to contact me before your stay or while you are there if you would like to know anything else. Mrs. Rhoda Daniels philandrhoda@yahoo.co.uk 07990 571649