

OUWC Accommodation File – Wales and West Country

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This guide is divided in to the following areas:

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There are other guides for the Lake District, Peak District, Pennines, Yorkshire Dales, North York Moors, Northumberland and Scotland.

North Wales

The **BMC's** list of club huts (<http://www.thebmc.co.uk/outdoor/huts/huts.asp>) has some in this area.

Emily Kelly Hut, Cwm Dyli (20) – The Pinnacle Club hut near Nant Gwynant (SH 653 541) (<http://www.pinnacleclub.co.uk/>). Janet Vince 01454 7755405. Very nice hut, lovely location with access via a clapper bridge across raging torrent. Kitchen (2 cookers, toaster, microwave, hot water, 2 fridges, crockery, cutlery), eating area, drying room, toilets & shower, and upstairs sleeping area with alpine bunks, mattresses and blankets. Electricity included, fuel for wood burning stove is extra. £5pppn (pay for 15 to get sole use), £50 deposit. (TT07)

3 Gefnan, Nr Bethesda (15) - Northamptonshire Mountaineers Cottage near Bethesda (SH 608 654). Mr Robin Phillips gweledfa@hotmail.com (01248 811203). For the price it is outstanding: toilet block with hot showers and tumble drier separate from cottage. Lots of parking space. Creative use of space in kitchen and dorms. Gas cooker and fire in dining room. Bring large pans for cooking but all other crockery and pans good. £45 sole use per night, £20 deposit. (MT06)

Cefn Garw (20) - Great hut near Pentrefoelas, 8m E of Betws-y-coed (GR 884518) Oxford Mountaineering Club's hut, see <http://www.oxfordmc.freeserve.co.uk/hut.html> Full kitchen, mattresses, drying room. Heating and lighting are good. Kitchen with gas rings, but no fridge or oven. Full instructions on OMC's webpage - £3.00 pppn for students and £4.00 pppn for non-students - they're considering £2.00 pppn for students during the week in the summer so ask the Secretary about that offer! (MT03)

Pentre Bach (16) See <http://www.bachventures.co.uk/>. Tel: 01286 650 643 (GR 526 587). Comfortable barn, easily accessible for minibuses. Initial deposit required. £8pppn. (TT05)

Gwern Gof Uchaf (14). Located A5 between Capel Curig and Bethesda. See <http://www.tryfanwales.co.uk/>. Tel: 01690 720294. Recommended camping barn, nice showers. Sleeping bags required. Poor washing up facilities. 50% deposit required. £6pppn. (MT04)

18 Glandfan Street, Bethesda (15) – JMCS Cottage - Mr. R Kleckham, Tel: 01252 721 049. (SH 622 668). Well supplied kitchen with 2 cookers. Excellent, pretty small cottage but perfect for 12-14. Adequate bathrooms with hot shower. Gas cookers and heating (£1 coins), electric lighting (included). Park bus in nearby car park (don't attempt to drive onto Glanaton Street!) £13 deposit for key. £130 in total, or £5pppn. *(HT06)*

Tan Y Farth Hut, Capel Curig. Mr D Kelly, 14 Albert Road, Oxton, Birkenhead, Wirrel, CH42 9NH. Mattresses, nice hot showers. Good cooking facilities, warm, nice lounge, 2km from pub. £10 deposit. £4pppn. *(Before 2001)*

Llanbedr Youth Hostel nr Harlech. (GR 585 267). Tel: 0870 770 5926. Heating, electricity, showers, wash facilities, toilets, dining room and lounge. Drying room. Kitchen with 2 ovens and 12 rings, cutlery and crockery to cook for 40! £350 in total, £7pppn. *(Before 2001)*

The Long Barn, Capel Dewi, Llandysul, Ceredigion, SA44 4PG. (GR 436 417, OSLR146). Tel: 01559 363200, ask for Eva Coucher. Fantastic barn, facilities better than a youth hostel (except female showers). Open log fire, drying room, pool table, darts board. Total cost £182, £6.50pppn. *(Before 2001)*

Bryn Golau Barn (17) Mr G Harrison, Solihull Mountaineering Club, 13 Broad Oaks Road, Solihull, West Midlands, B91 1JA. Tel: 0121 704 1872. (GR: 861 153, OS sheet 23). Good kitchen with 8 gas rings and 4 grills. Minibus parking is 3 minutes away. Lighting level is low. A reasonable place to stay. £5pppn. *(Before 2001)*

Caban Cader Idris (sleeps 19) Islawrdref, Dolgellau, Gwynedd, L140 1TS (Margaret Rees) Tel: 01248 600478 - 4m W of Dolgellau (GR 682 169) Lovely old schoolhouse under Cader Idris. Kitchen (cooker, fridge, pots, plates, cutlery), shower, mattresses, cat. Minibus parking VERY difficult and dangerous. £20 deposit required. Whole barn is £120, no pppn offered. *(MT05)*

Caseg Fraith Hut (30) Gwern Gof Isaf, Capel Curig, Gwynedd, N Wales (Mrs Elspeth Howell, 119 Windingbrook Lane, Collingtree Park, Northampton, NN4 0XN) Tel: 01604 769277 - London Uni's hut in the Ogwen Valley (GR SH 685 602) Full kitchen (cookers, pots, plates, cutlery), mattresses, shower - £5 pppn. *(Before 2001)*

Bryn Dinas Bunkhouse (50) Bryn Dinas, Nant Gwynant, Caernarfon, L155 4NH (Mr & Mrs J Rogers) Tel: 01766 890234 - 3m NE of Beddgelert (GR 625503) Bunks in farmhouse, or wooden cabins - £6 pppn. *(Before 2001)*

Rhydau Duon Farmhouse (40) Brynrefail, Caernarfon, L155 3NT (Hugh & Judy Walton) Tel: 01286 870744 - 3m NW of Llanberis (GR 565 626) Well-liked in Feb 2000. Hot showers, kitchen (fridge, cooker, pots, plates, cutlery including bendy knives), drying room, mattresses. Does this place have the country's trickiest drive? Must be close - £8 pppn. *(Before 2001)*

Jesse James' Bunkhouse (38) Penisarwaun, Nr. Llanberis, L155 3DA (Jesse James) Tel: 01286 870521 - 3m NW of Lanberis (GR 566 638) Classic bunkhouse, really friendly owners. Kitchen (everything), mattresses, showers - £7.50 pppn. *(Before 2001)*

Bryn Brethynau Bunkhouse (30) Capel Curig (Allen Bordoley, 18 Ravensdale Avenue, North Finchley, London, N12 9HS) See www.nlmc.co.uk/barn.htm. Tel: 020 8445 9484 - North London Mountaineering Club owned classic bunkhouse, which is a converted barn, near Moel Siabod. Kitchen (everything), showers, open fire - £3.50pppn + £50.00 non-returnable deposit. Recommended. *(MT05)*

The Coach House (20) Tomen-y-Castell, Llanfor, Bala, L123 7HD (Colin & Anne Sharpe) Tel: 01678 520738 - 1 1/2 m E of Bala (GR 950 372) Welsh stone barn 200yrs old. Drying room. Full kitchen, mattresses - £7 pppn. *(Before 2001)*

Brede Arkless Bunkhouse (15) Buarth, Dieniolen, Nr. Llanberis, LL55 3NA (Mr John Arkless) Tel: 01286 870518 - 4m N of Llanberis (GR 592 634) Really great barn just under the Western Glyders. We got 16 in. Electric meter (eats 50ps), drying room, mattresses, good kitchen (cookers, fridge, pots, plates, cutlery), showers, good view. 50% deposit. Recommended bunkhouse. £70 per night whole place or £6.50pppn. (TT04)

Yr Hen Ysgol (12) Bwlch Derwin, Pantglas, Garndolbenmaen, Ll51 9EQ (Terry & Joan Gibbins) Tel: 01286 660701 - 4 m S of Caernarfon - £4 pppn. (Before 2001)

Snowdon House Bunkhouse (20) 3 Gwastadnant, Nant Peris, Ll55 4UL (Jim & Anne Cumberton) Tel: 01286 870284 - Llanberis Pass. Drying room, showers, full kitchen (with everything), camping possible - £4 pppn. (Before 2001)

Chamois Mountaineering Centre (40) Ceunant, Waunfawr, Caernarfon Tel: 0151 5253425 - Minimum booking for 15 people. Great kitchen. Showers, drying room. No warden - key posted to you before you go. No bookings for last weekend of each month - £5.10 pppn. (Before 2001)

Williams Barn and Campsite (18) Gwern Gof Isaf Farm, Capel Curig, Betws-y-Coed, Ll24 0EU Tel: 01690 720276 - Ogwen Valley (GR 685 601) Very basic stone building with sleeping area and cooking area. Need to bring all cooking equipment. Showers - £5 pppn. (Before 2001)

Stone Barn (12-16) Tyddyn Morthwyl, Criccieth, OL52 0NS (Mrs M Trumper) Tel: 01766 522115 - On Lleyen Peninsula 2km N of Criccieth (GR 494 401) Cosy and charming barn with friendly owner. Mattresses, kitchen (2 small stoves, fridge, pots, plates, cutlery), sporadic showers, little hot water, decent fire. Camping possible. Would be a squeeze with 16 people. Not near any pubs - £4.50 pppn. (HT01)

Maesnant Centre (16) (Roger French) Tel: 020 8933 3202 - 18m E of Aberystwyth. Camping possible. Mid-March to Mid-November only. On slopes of Plynlimon - £5 pppn + gas. (Before 2001)

Betws-y-Coed Basecamp (NT) (17) (John Anderson) Tel: 01492 860123 - 2m S of Betws-y-Coed. Old stone house on National Trust estate. Showers, kitchen. (Before 2001)

South Wales - Brecon Beacons and Black Mountains

Middle Ninfa Bunkhouse and Campsite (6 in bunkhouse + camping) – Near Abergavenney (SO285115). 01873 854662 www.middleninfa.co.uk. Small but nice bunkhouse with open plan kitchen and dining/sitting area on ground floor (1 double mattress) and sleeping room upstairs (mattresses), also campsite. Kitchen has cooker, microwave, kettle, toaster, fridge. Bathroom with shower. Road up to bunkhouse was very steep! £60 bunkhouse pn (£50 deposit) + £3 pppn camping. (MT07)

Dan-y-Garn Basecamp (NT) (18) – Off A470, 7 miles SW of Brecon. 01874 625515. Very well stocked kitchen, large living area, hot showers, selection of games. 12 bunks and 3 double futon mattresses. Recommended! £249.10 for up to 18 people, 25% deposit required. (TT06)

Brithdir Mawr (13) Cilgwyn Road, Newport, SA42 0QJ (Julian & Emma Orbach) Tel:01239 820164 - 2m S of Newport (GR 074 373) www.brithdirmawr.com. Friendly and warm barn on ecological commune. Kitchen (cooker, hot water, pots, plates, cutlery), wood-burning stove, gas fire and mattresses. Shower, compost loo: all fun! An ecological commune, they make their own electricity. Thoroughly recommended. £6 pppn. (TT03)

The Held Bunkhouse (24) Cantref, Brecon, LD3 8LT (Simon Partridge) Tel: 01874 624646 - 2m S of Brecon (GR 036 266) Hot showers, full kitchen - £7.50 pppn. (Before 2001)

Cwm Uchaf Bunkhouse (16), Crai, Brecon. (GR: 896 242). Mr and Mrs Stockton, Tel: 01874 636 703. Really nice bunkhouse, large dining room, with TV and microwave, good cooking facilities. But nearest pub is 3 miles away. No deposit required, £8pppn. *(TT03)*

Parc Bryn Bach (18) Merthyr Road, Tredegar, NP2 3AY (Monique Hillman) Tel: 01495 711816/7 - Showers, drying room, full kitchen - £8 pppn. *(Before 2001)*

Dolaucothi Basecamp (NT) (16) (Estate Warden) Tel: 01558 822800 - 8m SE of Lampeter. Showers, kitchen. *(Before 2001)*

Old Rectory (17) Llangattock-Lingoed, Nr. Abergavenny, NP7 8RR (Mrs Ball) Tel: 01873 821326 - 6m E of Abergavenny (GR 362 201) Camping possible, mattresses, kitchen - £4 pppn. *(Before 2001)*

Smithy's Bunkhouse (24+) Lower House Farm, Pantygelli, Abergavenny, NP7 7HR (Neil & Katy Smith) Tel: 01873 853432 or 0585 257788 - 2m N of Abergavenny (GR 304 178) Showers, full kitchen, drying room - £6 - £7 pppn. *(Before 2001)*

Tyddu (36) Tyddu, Dolau, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 5TB (D.E. Thomas) Tel: 01597 851884 - Closed July & August - £5 pppn. *(Before 2001)*

Caban Cwmffynnon (22) Cefn Gorwydd, Llangammarch Wells, LD4 4DW (Bryan Jones) Tel: 01591 610638 - 3m SE of Llangammarch Wells (GR 907 439) Old stone barn, converted - £7.50 pppn. *(Before 2001)*

Llysdinam Field Centre (40) Newbridge-on-Wye, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 6NB (Dr FM Slater) Tel: 01597 860308 - £7 pppn. *(Before 2001)*

Stoncroft Hostel (25) Dol-y-Coed Road, Llanwrtyd Wells, LD5 4RA (Diane Lutman) Tel: 01591 610332 - In Llanwrtyd Wells. Showers, full kitchen - £8 pppn. *(Before 2001)*

South Wales - Gower

Hardingsdown Bunkhouse (14) – Lower Hardingsdown Farm, nr Bury Green, Gower (SS 442 911). www.bunkhousegower.co.uk, Allison Tyrrell 01792 386222. Outstanding, luxurious bunkhouse accommodation. Excellent fully equipped kitchen, duvets provided, 3 hot showers, BBQ area at back. 12 beds + 2 fold out beds in lounge. (MT06: fire alarm went off both nights during the night!) Sole use £180 per night, £108 deposit. *(MT06)*

South Wales – West Wales (including Pembrokeshire)

Ysgubor Fawr Basecamp (NT) (14) (The Head Warden) Tel: 01348 837860 - 7m SW of Fishguard. New building one minute from Mathry (has pub). *(Before 2001)*

Marloe Sands Youth Hostel Contact YHA main office for more information. Very nice place, big kitchen, very friendly. Rent-a-hostel from September to May. Pleasantly quirky and great location, better for summer. £8.50pppn payable in full up front. *(TT05)*

Pwll Caerog (Ysgubor Fach) Bunk Barn (12), Pwll Caerog Farm (Celtic Camping), nr St David's, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6DG. (SM786301) (There's also another barn sleeping 22.) (01348 837405, www.celtic-camping.co.uk) Owners (Ian and Judy Griffiths) extremely friendly, good bunk beds in two rooms, heating, toilet and hot shower, electricity (included in price), good kitchen facilities including fridge, oven, microwave and toaster. Also access to toilet block of campsite. £10pppn. *(TT07)*

Pwll Deri Youth Hostel Catell Mawr, Trefasser, Goodwick, Pembrokeshire, SA64 0LR. (GR SM 891 387). Tel: 0870 770 6004, www.yha.org.uk. FANTASTIC hostel! Outstanding location on cliff

tops. A perfect base, plenty of dinig space and good kitchen facilities and patio for a BBQ. £10.95 pppn, full payment in advance. (TT06)

Trefin Youth Hostel Contact YHA central reservations (Rent-a-hostel). (GR 840 324, OS map 157). Typical YH. Catering facilities not excellent. £275 Rent-a-hostel. (MT01)

Hamilton Guest House & Backpacker Lodge (20) 21/23 Hamilton Street, Fishguard, SA65 9HL (Steve Roberts) Tel: 01348 874797 - Centre of Fishguard. Free breakfast. Camping available - £8 pppn. (Before 2001)

West Country

The [YHA Barns](http://www.yha.org.uk/) network has loads of suitable barns (<http://www.yha.org.uk/>). We've stayed at:

- **Lopwell** (16+) Nr. Plymouth (GR SX475650). YHA: 0870 770 6113, www.yha.org.uk. Could easily get 25+ in if allowed. Recently refurbished. Nice position. Microwave, fridge included. No heating. No mattresses. Shower has a tendency to flood. £1 meter for electricity. Pay up front 8 weeks before booking. £160 for sole weekend use. (MT05)
- **Great Houndtor** (14) Dartmoor. Basic, with a 2-burner camping-gaz stove but nothing else (so take everything). Friendly farmer's family. (Before 2001)
- **Woodadvent** (12) Exmoor. Large eating area, metered shower. (Before 2001)
- **Northcombe B** (22) Exmoor, Northcombe Farm, Hollam, Dulverton (SS915292). (Mr Groves 01398 323602). Good large barn. Bunks with mattresses, good kitchen (microwave, cooker, hob, utensils, pots, pans, cutlery, crockery, etc.), toilets, showers, wood burning fire. £154 sole use per night, £1 electricity meter and 20p shower. N.B. very narrow approach from Dulverton – consider using other approach. (There's also Northcombe A Camping Barn (15) at the same site.) (HT07)
- **Runnage** (30) Dartmoor. Very good. Warm. (Before 2001)

YHA Youth Hostels:

- **Tintagel Youth Hostel** (24), Dunderhole Point (GR SX047881). Good facilities, friendly people, great location, great views. 2 showers, nice kitchen. Cool guy who runs it. Deposit £79.20. Rent-a-hostel £360 per weekend for 24 beds. (MT05)
- **Golant Youth Hostel** Penquite House, Golant, Fowey, Cornwall, PL23 1LA (GR SX116556). Tel: 0870 770 5832. Good hostel, but poor value for money. Owner unhelpful. Full payment in advance. £13.40pppn. (TT04)
- **Maypool Youth Hostel** Galmpton, Brixham, Devon, TQ5 DET (GR SX877546). Tel: 0870 770 5962. Great hostel, very impressive interior. Good cooking facilities, but limited pots and pans. Full payment in advance. £10.60pppn. (TT04)
- **Lulwoth Cove Youth Hostel** School Lane, West Lullworth, Dorset, BH20 5SA (GR: SY832806). Tel: 0870 770 6117. Nice youth hostel, excellent location. Kitchen small, but has everything you need. Full payment required upon booking. £10.25pppn. (MT03)
- **YHA Lizard** Lizard Village, next to Lizard Point Lighthouse (GR SW704115). Hostel phone: 01326 291 145. For bookings: 0870 770 6120. Unique location just above Lizard Point. Expensive, but well worth it: facilities outstanding. Lounge with

TV, drying room. Garden with BBQ patio. Payment required in full 2 weeks ahead of booking. £11.50pppn. (TT03)

- **Coverack Youth Hostel**, YHA Rent-a-hostel. Great Hostel: oven, 8 hobs, 3 kettles, big pots and microwave. Wonderful view of sea from bedrooms. Comfy lounge with log fire, but quite small. Showers cold/lukewarm. Dining room with lots of seats. Full payment 6 weeks before arrival. £310 per weekend. (HT04)

Whitesand's Lodge (30) Sennen, Cornwall, TR19 7AR (Toby & Helen) Tel: 01736 871776 - 9m from Penzance, 1m from Land's End. Full kitchen, summer barbecues - £8 pppn. (Before 2001)

Old Chapel Backpackers, Zennor, St Ives, Cornwall, TR26 3BY (GR SW385455). www.backpackers.co.uk/zennor. Tel: 01736 798 307. Nice Hostel in pretty, small village. Bunk rooms with 6 beds and one sink. Have to pay separately for showers. Permission to use kitchen not always given! No washing/drying facilities. £100 deposit. Approx £10pppn. (TT05)

The Plume of Feathers Inn Bunkhouse (42) Princetown, Yelverton, Devon, PL20 6QG Tel: 01822 890240 - Princetown square. Also 75-pitch campsite - £2.50 - £5.50 pppn. (Before 2001)

Exmoor Basecamp (NT) (27) (Tim Lamerton, National Trust Exmoor Basecamp, Town Farm Cottages, Countisbury, Lynton, Devon, EX35 6NE) www.nationaltrust.org.uk Tel: 01598 741101 - 1m E of Lynmouth (SS746497). 18 in main house plus 9 over the road in annexe with its own kitchen. Hot showers, fully equipped kitchen, central heating, drying room, nice common area, two bathrooms with toilets and showers, pillows and blankets provided (bring own toilet paper and bin bags). Nice accommodation! £100 sole use per night, £40 deposit. (MT07)

Dartmoor Expedition Centre (32) Rowden, Widecombe-in-the-Moor, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ13 7TX (John Earle) Tel: 01364 621249 - 2m from Widecombe (GR 700 764) Two 300-year-old barns - £6 pppn. (Before 2001)

West Country Campsites

Crediton, Yeatheridge Farm (85), Tel: 01884 860330

Combe Martin, Stowford Farm Meadows Touring Park (570) Open Easter-Oct, Tel: 01271 882476

Edeswell Farm Camping (GR SX731605). Heated swimming pool, bar, pool and table tennis, free showers. £9 per 2 man tent. (HT02).

Lynton, Channel View Caravan Park (70) Open Easter-Oct, Tel: 01598 753349

Mortehoe, North Morte Farm Caravan & Camping Park (150) Open Easter-Sep, Tel: 01271 870381

Winsford nr. Minehead, Halse Farm Caravan & Tent Park (22) Open Mar-Oct, Tel: 01643 851259

Upton, Lowtrow Cross Caravan/ Camping Park (19) Open Mar-Oct, Tel: 01398 371220

Porlock, Pool Bridge Campsite (?) Open Easter-Oct, Tel: 01643 862521

Porlock, Sparkhayes Farm Campsite (50) Open Apr-Sep, Tel: 01643 862470