

Welcome to Five Acres Caravan Club Site

Get to know Five Acres

This is a pleasant, peaceful, open site in the most lovely South Somerset countryside. Chard is a busy market town with a history of country trades.

You are in Hamstone country and you'll recognise the golden stone used for buildings wherever you go in this quiet and civilised area, still married to the pace of the past. And don't forget - this is King Arthur country and you can track down the legend at Cadbury and Glastonbury.

The coast and the delightful port of Lyme Regis are within easy driving distance, 16 miles. If that's not enough, you can add a championship golf course at Windwhistle and a nature reserve at Chard reservoir with over 150 species of bird including migrant Ospreys.



Things to see and do from this Club Site

Local attractions

- **Montacute House**
Late 16th Century house built of local golden Ham stone, by Sir Edward Phelips. The Long Gallery houses a collection of Tudor and Jacobean portraits. Formal gardens and park.
 01935 823289
www.nationaltrust.org.uk
- **Forde Abbey**
Now privately owned, Forde Abbey was founded by the Cistercians in 1140 and became one of the richest and most learned monasteries in the country. The church was demolished in the dissolution, but in 1649 Sir Edmund Prideaux transformed the Abbey into a magnificent commonwealth house.
 01460 221290
www.fordeabbey.co.uk
- **RSPB West Sedgemoor**
The reserve is situated in the Somerset Levels and Moors among England's largest remaining wet meadow systems. Many lapwings, snipe and redshanks breed here and winter floods attract teals, wigeons, lapwings and golden plovers in big flocks.
 01458 252805
www.rspb.org.uk
- **Dinosaurland Fossil Museum**
The Jurassic rocks of Lyme Regis have been famous for fossils since Mary Anning discovered the first Ichthyosaur in 1811. Dinosaurland Fossil Museum is a traditional museum using the beauty and majesty of more than 8000 specimens to show just how exciting and wonderful the world of fossils and dinosaurs really is.
 01297 443541
www.dinosaurland.co.uk
- **Coldharbour Mill Museum**
See wool processing on 19th Century machines in a Georgian spinning mill. Also working water wheel and beam and horizontal steam engines.
 01884 840960
www.coldharbourmill.org.uk
- **Fleet Air Arm Museum**
The Fleet Air Arm Museum is one of the 'must sees' when in the Southwest! It has the largest European collection of Naval aircraft and Concorde.
 01935 840565
www.fleetairarm.com
- **Hestercombe Gardens**
A unique collection of three gardens spanning three centuries of garden history and design. All have undergone acclaimed restoration works and today provide important examples of gardens in contrasting styles, which continue to grow and develop.
 01823 413923
www.hestercombe.com

Activities

- **Cycling**
The nearest National Cycle Network route to this site is Bristol to Seaton, Route 33, OS ref ST335099.
- **Walking**
Good walking routes near the site are the lanes to the surrounding villages and the Blackdown Hills.

General site information

RECEPTION SERVICES

Mail and messages

Mail and messages are put on the board in the office.

Site Shop

Open at the same times as Reception. The shop sells Aqua Kem, Gas, milk, bread, ice cream, newspapers, maps, sweets, drinks, water and eggs.

Information Room

Open at the same times as Reception. Leaflets are available about the many attractions and places of interest that you can visit during your stay.

Mobile & public telephones

All networks can be used on this site but reception is poor. Public telephone - there is a public telephone located next to Reception. Please note that this phone does not accept incoming calls.

PITCHES

Pitch care

Awning ground sheets must be lifted daily.

Motor caravans

If your pitch is left unoccupied, please leave your motor caravan sign on display.

Vacating your pitch

If you wish to stay after 12 noon on your day of departure, it is normally not a problem unless the site is fully booked. Please see the Warden.

Barbecues

These are allowed on site but open fires are not. Please keep barbecues off the grass.

Television

Digital TV reception good. As part of the Digital Switchover, this region has now had its analogue television signal switched off. In order to watch television on site you will need an Integrated Digital TV (IDTV) or a digital receiver, and you may also need an aerial or satellite dish. For more information visit www.digitaluk.co.uk.

Electric Hook-up

The cost of electricity is included in your pitch fee, but please help us to minimise our effect on the environment by considering your electricity use while on site. In 2009 The Club's expenditure on electricity was £4 million and any saving can help to reduce pitch fees or invest in new sites or redevelopments.

SITE FACILITIES

Please see the Site map for locations of amenity blocks.

Toilets and showers

The toilet blocks are closed for cleaning at the following times: 11am to 12.00 noon.

Laundry

Prices for the use of the laundry facilities are: Washing machine £3.00, Tumble drier 70p/cycle. Washing sinks and ironing boards are also available. Please do not hang washing lines between trees or on the fences.

Recycling facilities

On site.

SAFETY ON SITE

Pets

Please keep your dog on a lead at all times on the pitching areas and roads within the site, and clean up after them. Dogs can be walked in the lanes outside the site and also along the footpaths and beaches in the area.

Fire Point

(to activate alarm/warning) Located at all service points. The fire assembly point is at the Information Room opposite the office.

Visitors

Please ask your visitors to make themselves known at Reception when arriving at the site. If you are expecting visitors after hours, please meet them at Reception.



Vehicles and cycles

Parents are reminded that children remain their responsibility and therefore they should be supervised at all times, and to ensure that all members of their party follow the principles of road safety.

Motor vehicles and bicycles on site should, at all times, be used with due regard to the safety and convenience of others and their speed should not exceed walking pace (5mph). No cycling is permitted on site between the hours of dusk and dawn, as determined by the Wardens. Any one-way system signs should be observed by all vehicles and cycles. Foot pedalled cycles, scooters and skateboards can be used, but are not allowed on the paved area around toilet blocks and communal areas and must not be ridden on footpaths. Please note that motorised mobility scooters are allowed on site, but children's motorised scooters or skateboards are not.

OUT AND ABOUT

Supermarket

The closest are Tesco, Sainsburys and the Co-op in Chard, about 5 miles from the site.

Cinema

The ABC in Yeovil, about 20 miles from the site. Tel: 01935 413333.

Swimming pool

The Cresta in Chard, about 6 miles from the site. Tel: 01460 64084.

Tourist Information Centre

The Guildhall, Fore Street, Chard. Tel: 01460 260051.

Public Transport

There is a local bus service from Chard which is approximately 6 miles away.

Places of Worship

C of E, Catholic and Baptist Churches are in Chard.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK...

If you have any comments or suggestions that could help us to improve this Site, please put them in our Visitors' Comments Book. And if you discover a local pub or restaurant or an interesting place to go tell us about that too!

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