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Caravan and Motorhome Club

CARAVAN PARK · STAFFORDSHIRE

The Lodge Caravan Park

Guest guide

*Everything you need for your stay at The Lodge Caravan
Park, Halmer End*

SITE INFO · FISHING · WALKS · PUBS & TAKEAWAYS · DAYS OUT

Come and share *our little corner* of Staffordshire.

Thank you for choosing to stay with us. We are a small, family owned site, so if there is anything you need during your stay, just ask. This guide has the practical bits, our favourite walks and places to eat, and a few ideas for days out. We hope you have a lovely, restful time.

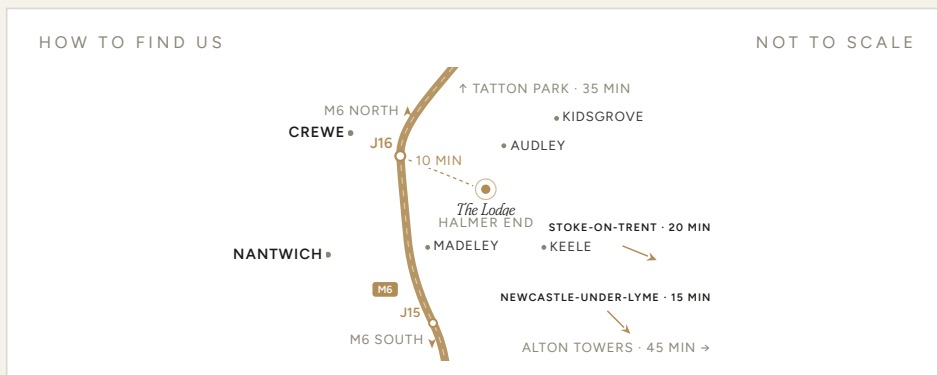
We took on The Lodge because we fell for the peace here. The water, the trees, the views across the fields, and the evening light. We are not a big park. There are just five pitches, and we like it that way, because it means we can look after everyone properly.

Whether you are stopping for one night on your way up or down the country or settling in for a week of fishing and walking, you will get a proper welcome and a quiet pitch.

Walter and Georgia

ARRIVAL

Getting here and settling in



ADDRESS	The Lodge Caravan Park, Red Hall Lane, Halmer End, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire ST7 8AX
SAT NAV	Use ST7 8AX. GPS 53.03621, -2.31049
FROM THE M6	Leave at junction 16 and follow signs for Audley, then Halmer End. Turn into Red Hall Lane in the village and carry on past the Minnie Pit memorial. We are just after it, on the lane. About 10 minutes from the motorway.
ARRIVE	Between 1pm and 5pm. If you will be later than 5pm, please ring Brian and Jayne (site wardens) first.
LEAVE BY	12 noon. If the pitch is free you can stay a bit longer for £5, just ask.
PAYING	£25 a night for a pitch and two adults, extra adult £5, extra car £5, showers £1, children under 12 free. Cash or bank transfer, settled with us on site.

On the site

PITCHES	Five pitches, grass and hardstanding, each with electric hook-up.
TENTS	Welcome on the field in summer. Ask us when you book.
RALLIES	The field is available for club rallies and group meets. Get in touch to talk dates.
FACILITIES	Toilet and shower block, chemical disposal point and fresh water. Please leave the block as you would like to find it.
DOGS	Very welcome. Please keep them on a lead at all times, and clean up after them. Bateswood Nature Reserve next door is perfect for a longer walk.
FIRES AND BBQS	Very welcome, as long as they are raised off the ground and kept well away from hedges and buildings.
CARS	One vehicle per pitch. There is additional parking on site for a second car or for visitors. Please keep to 5 mph.
CHILDREN	Welcome. The lake is fenced with signs up. Please keep an adult with children whenever they are by the water.
PHONE SIGNAL	Good outdoors on all four networks.
ELECTRIC CARS	There is no EV charging on site. The nearest public charger is about 4 miles away.
QUIET	This is a peaceful site and our guests come for exactly that. Please keep noise down after 10pm.

THE SITE & PITCHES

Where you'll be staying.

PRICES

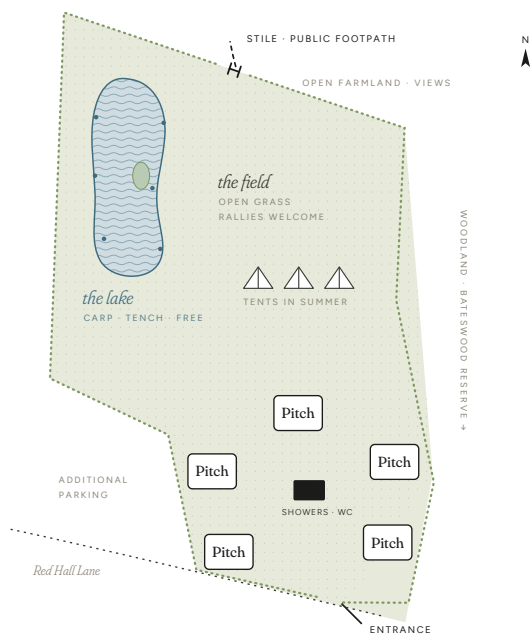
£25
per night

Extra adult	£5 a night
Extra car (in the car park)	£5 a night
Showers	£1
Children under 12	Free
Fishing (two rods per pitch)	Free

Cash or bank transfer, settled with us when you arrive. Nothing to pay in advance.

THE LODGE SITE PLAN

NOT TO SCALE



FISHING

Fishing on the lake

Guests fish for free on our lake, which is stocked with carp, tench and other coarse fish. It is a short walk from your pitch, you can fish anywhere around the bank, and the lake is open from 7am until dusk.

WHAT'S IN IT	Carp, tench and other coarse fish
COST	Free
WHERE	A short walk from your pitch
WHEN	7am until dusk
RODS	Two per pitch



BEFORE YOU FISH

- Two rods per pitch, please.
- Please treat the fish and the bank kindly, and take any litter and line away with you.
- The lake is fenced and children must be accompanied by an adult when fishing or by the water.
- If you are not sure about anything, ask Brian and Jayne (site wardens), who will happily point you to the best spots.

WALKS

Walks from the site

Our three favourite walks are saved in our own Komoot collection, so your phone can navigate you round them for free. Tap the link at the bottom of this page, or tap a walk below.



Bateswood Pool mini loop

1.2 km, about 18 minutes, easy and flat. A gentle stroll round the pool next door. Lovely first thing or last thing.

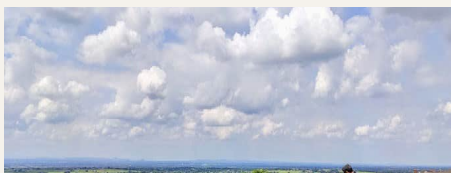
[Tap here to follow this walk](#)



Bateswood Pool and Leycett loop

7.6 km, about 2 hours, moderate with 120 m of climbing. Meadows, ponds and the old colliery land out to Leycett and back.

[Tap here to follow this walk](#)



The Lodge to the Gresley Arms

3 km, about 50 minutes, easy. Up the hill to the pub with a view. Lunch or a pint at the top, then an easy wander back down.

[Tap here to follow this walk](#)

EXPLORE

Our favourite walks, free on Komoot

Three routes that start at our gate, saved in our own Komoot collection. Open one on your phone and it will navigate you round, turn by turn, for free.

[Tap here to open all three walks](#)

Pubs, food and takeaways

A few places we send people to, from the pub up the road to a proper night out. Ratings are from Google or TripAdvisor at the time of writing and prices are a rough guide, so do ring ahead if it matters.

Where to eat

The Gresley Arms

Alsagers Bank, a 20 minute walk or 3 minute drive · Country pub with dining room

★ 4.5 Google · ££ · Walk 20 min · Book ahead, especially Sunday lunch

Our local and the easiest walk from the site, with one of the best beer garden views in Staffordshire and a proper Sunday lunch.

01782 486246 · thegresleyarms.co.uk

The Butchers Arms

Audley · Village pub, real ale and honest food

★ 4.6 TripAdvisor · £ · 5 min drive · Ring for Sunday lunch. Closed Mondays

A restored village local opposite Audley church with five changing cask ales and famously good triple-cooked chips. Food is served in a short window, so check times before you go.

01782 722906 · butchers.pub

The Broughton

Balterley · Smart modern gastropub

★ 4.7 Google · ££ to £££ · 10 min drive · Book online, well ahead at weekends

The nearest special-occasion place. A 150 year old frontage with a bright modern restaurant behind it, and the one locals mean when they say the Broughton.

01270 814576 · thebroughton.co.uk

WHERE TO EAT CONTINUED

The Crown Inn Wrinehill · Traditional free house

★ 4.8 TripAdvisor · ££ · 12 min drive · Book ahead. Closed Mondays

The highest-rated pub within easy reach. Unfussy cooking done properly, a house ale brewed for them, and a reputation for pies.

01270 820472 · thecrownatwrinehill.co.uk

The Hand and Trumpet Wrinehill · Gastropub, Brunning and Price

★ 4.5 Google · ££ · 12 min drive · Book at weekends

Rugs, open fires, bookshelves and a big terrace over the pond. A long list of cask ales and wines, and reliable food all day.

01270 820048 · brunningandprice.co.uk

The Old Swan Madeley Heath · Village gastropub

★ 4.7 TripAdvisor · ££ · 12 min drive · Book ahead

Consistently the best-reviewed village pub kitchen round here. Locally sourced, generous and genuinely welcoming.

01782 751199 · theoldswan.co.uk

The Wheatsheaf Inn Onneley · Coaching inn, traditional food

★ 4.5 Google · ££ · 15 min drive · Book ahead. No food on Mondays

Smartly refurbished coaching inn on Bar Hill with good steaks and fish, and a popular Sunday carvery.

01782 446650 · wheatsheafpub.com

The Swan With Two Necks Blackbrook, on the A53 · Contemporary gastropub

★ 4.5 Google · ££ · 15 min drive · Book online at weekends

Smart but relaxed, with a menu that wanders from gastropub to Mediterranean and Asian, a big garden and easy parking.

01782 680343 · theswanwithtwonecks.co.uk

WHERE TO EAT CONTINUED

Monsoon Majestic Newcastle-under-Lyme · Contemporary Indian

★ 4.8 TripAdvisor · ££ · 20 min drive · Book at weekends

The top-rated restaurant in Newcastle. Freshly cooked, generous and very good value for the quality. Evenings only.

01782 611551 · majesticmonsoon.co.uk

Pasta Di Piazza Newcastle-under-Lyme · Family owned Italian

★ 4.5 Google · ££ · 20 min drive · Book ahead

Long-established Italian in a Georgian townhouse, cooked to order. The dependable choice for a relaxed evening in town.

01782 617610 · pastadipiazzaitaliana.co.uk

Takeaways

New Royal Balti Indian, delivers to the gate · Church Street, Audley

★ 4.8 Google · ££ · Delivers to the site

01782 723988 · newroyalbaltiaudley.co.uk

New Ruby Chinese, cash only · Church Street, Audley

★ 4.4 Google · ££ · Delivers to the site

01782 722208 · newrubyaudley.co.uk

Oriental Chef Chinese, cash only, Thu to Sun · Church Street, Audley

★ 4.4 Google · ££ · Delivers to the site

01782 720313

Audley Fast Food Pizza, kebabs, burgers · Church Street, Audley

★ 4.4 Google · ££ · Delivers to the site

01782 723319 · audleyfastfood.co.uk

TAKEAWAYS CONTINUED

Audley Fish Bar Fish and chips · Church Street, Audley

★ 4.2 Google · £ · Delivers to the site

01782 722237 · audleyfishbar.com

Village Fish and Chips Fish and chips, collection only · Ravens Lane, Bignall End

★ 4.7 Google · £

01782 721118

NEARBY

Shops, fuel and essentials

SHOPS

Castle Stores on the High Street is a short walk for the basics, papers and a bottle of wine. The Post Office is inside W Riley and Sons, the ironmongers on the High Street, Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm and Saturday mornings. Tesco Express in Audley is a mile away. For a big shop, Morrisons on Lower Milehouse Lane in Newcastle-under-Lyme is about 12 minutes, and the large Tesco at Kidsgrove, about the same the other way, does click and collect.

FUEL AND CHARGING

Nearest petrol and diesel is Quarry Service Station on Nantwich Road, Audley, weekdays only. Shell at Talke on the A34 is open 24 hours with a shop, about 10 minutes. There is no EV charging on site.

EXPLORE

Days out

A week of days out within 45 minutes of the site, from gardens and museums to the big theme park. Drive times are from The Lodge.



Trentham Gardens and World of Wedgwood

20 MIN DRIVE

Italian gardens, the lake walk and the monkey forest. An easy full day out.



The Potteries and Spitfire Museum

20 MIN DRIVE

About 20 minutes. Museums, factory shops and the story of Stoke's pottery, plus the Spitfire RW388 at the Potteries Museum in Hanley.

DAYS OUT CONTINUED



Nantwich and Bridgemere Garden Centre

25 MIN DRIVE

A pretty market town and a huge garden centre.



Tatton Park

35 MIN DRIVE

Deer park, gardens and a National Trust mansion. The Cheshire day out.



Biddulph Grange Garden

35 MIN DRIVE

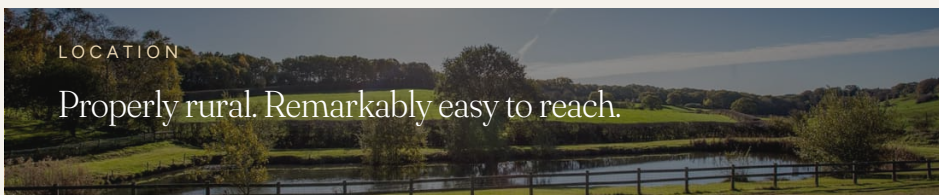
A Victorian garden that takes you from Egypt to China in an afternoon. National Trust, lovely in autumn.



Alton Towers

45 MIN DRIVE

For the big family day out.



LOCATION

Properly rural. Remarkably easy to reach.

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Useful numbers

BRIAN AND JAYNE (SITE WARDENS)

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EMAIL

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NEAREST A&E

Royal Stoke University Hospital, Newcastle Road, Stoke-on-Trent ST4 6QG. About 20 minutes.

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