



# OWLPEN MANOR



## WELCOME TO SQUIRREL WOOD CAMP

Thank you for choosing to stay with us at Owlpen Manor. We hope that you have an enjoyable stay on the estate. In advance of your visit, we have included some important information about your arrival, the glamping facilities at Squirrel Wood Camp, and how to get around.

**CHECK-IN AND KEYS:** If there is no one in the office, then don't worry. The tents will be ready for you and they are not locked, so you will be able to check yourself in.

**HOW TO FIND THE SITE:** The camping area is just beneath the car park, in a woodland glade on the fringes of Squirrel Wood. You can reach it by walking down the main tarmac drive about twenty metres, and taking a left along a wood-chip path. You will see the tents laid out already, and each one has a name outside of it. The names are as follows:

First left: BUZZARD - sleeps 2

First right: BARN OWL - sleeps 4

Second left: KESTREL - sleeps 2

Second right: TAWNY OWL - sleeps 4

Third left: KITE - sleeps 2

If you have not been told which tent you are in, there is a list in the livery cupboard, which is just to the left of the estate office door.

Officially check-in time starts at 4pm, but if you would like to arrive earlier that is absolutely fine. Usually the tents are ready before then anyway. If you want to be certain, just send us an email in advance to check, or ask at the estate office. Check-out is 10am. If you require a later checkout, please contact the office and we'll do our best to help.

Please note: We strongly advise that you arrive during daylight hours in order to be able to orientate yourself properly. If you plan to arrive after 8pm, please notify the office in advance, with a rough time of arrival, so that we know when to expect you.

**OFFICE HOURS:** The office is open from 9am to 5pm the day before a wedding, and on a wedding day itself there is always someone around from 9am until one hour after the venue closes.



# PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The campsite area has a range of facilities for you to enjoy. We have outlined them here for you.

## TENTS

Each tent is equipped with bedding, towels and pillows for you to enjoy your stay. All you need to bring is clothing, sensible footwear, a toothbrush, a torch and a towel for the swimming lake, if you enjoy wild swimming. Please note: we advise that the towels provided are not used for the swimming lake, as it is best to shower after swimming.

There is ample lighting outside the tents - on the paths and in the communal areas. Inside the tent there will be an LED light that you can use, but we advise that you also bring your own torch.

## BLANKETS

Hopefully you will bring some warm clothes for night-time as it does get cold outside, even in high summer. If you do get cold, there are blankets in boxes in the caravan for you to use. Please put them back after use!

## SHOWERS

The showers are heated by a boiler behind them. They are set to a temperature which is hopefully suitable for all: not too hot and not too cold! All you have to do is turn the knob inside the cubicle and it starts running.

## LOOS

These are compost loos, which is the most sustainable form of managing waste in the countryside. You will find a bucket of sawdust in the cubicle: all you need to do is put a scoop of the sawdust on top once you have finished, and close the lid. There are also facilities at the venue, which is generally open from 9am.

## CARAVAN

This is called the boudoir, as you'll see why when you arrive. The idea is that this is a communal space where you can gather to get ready. It has mirrors, lights, a sofa and power points. You can charge your phone there, and plug in appliances, although we ask that only one appliance is plugged in at any one time, as there is limited capacity.

## BBQ KITCHEN

Generally food will be provided to you as a part of the wedding celebrations, but the BBQ kitchen area is there if you want to cook up your own feast on the side. You'll find a BBQ, work surface, a bag of charcoal, utensils, and bins. There is a basin and tap at the shower block.

## WASTE DISPOSAL

There is a general waste bin and a recycling bin at the BBQ kitchen. One bin is for glassware, one for mixed recycling and one for general waste.

## WIFI

There is no wifi at the campsite, and very little phone connection. To find a connection the best place is outside the estate office. The network name is Owlpen Public Wifi and the password is owlpenmanor

## WILD SWIMMING

You are welcome to use the swimming lake and the rowing boat, down the hill and across the bridge. The water is clean as it is fed from natural springs, with a muddy bottom like all natural swimming ponds. You have to share it with lots of permanent residents like geese, ducks, herons, frogs, kingfishers, swallows and dragonflies!



# LOCATION

Our postcode is [GL115BZ](#). What 3 Words estate office location is Watch.Timed.Rods.

Owlpen is marked on all maps, and there are sign-posts at both ends of the country lane which leads to the estate.

## HOW TO FIND US

We recommend that you approach the estate through the village of Uley, on the B4066 between Dursley and Stroud. At Uley you turn off to Owlpen by the Old Crown pub on the village green.

### FROM LONDON/ M4:

Exit the M4 at junction 18 (Bath), and take the A46 north towards Stroud. After 11 miles, turn left following signs to "Kingscote, Nympsfield, Dursley". This road connects with the A4135 which crosses the A46. Continue past the Hunter's Hall pub at Kingscote and take the second fork on the right signposted to ULEY. Continue straight on after the crossroads with the B4058 into ULEY.

PLEASE IGNORE A SIGN SAYING 'OWLPEN' WITH A RIGHT-TURN, AS THIS WILL TAKE YOU DOWN A VERY STEEP AND NARROW LANE WITH FEW PASSING PLACES.

Instead, carry on down Lampern Hill for one mile. When you reach the bottom of the hill, turn right up the road into Uley. At the top of the village there is a church on your left and a pub called The Old Crown on the right, at the village green. By the pub you will see OWLPEN and OWLPEN MANOR signposted to the right, one mile. It is more like half a mile from that point.

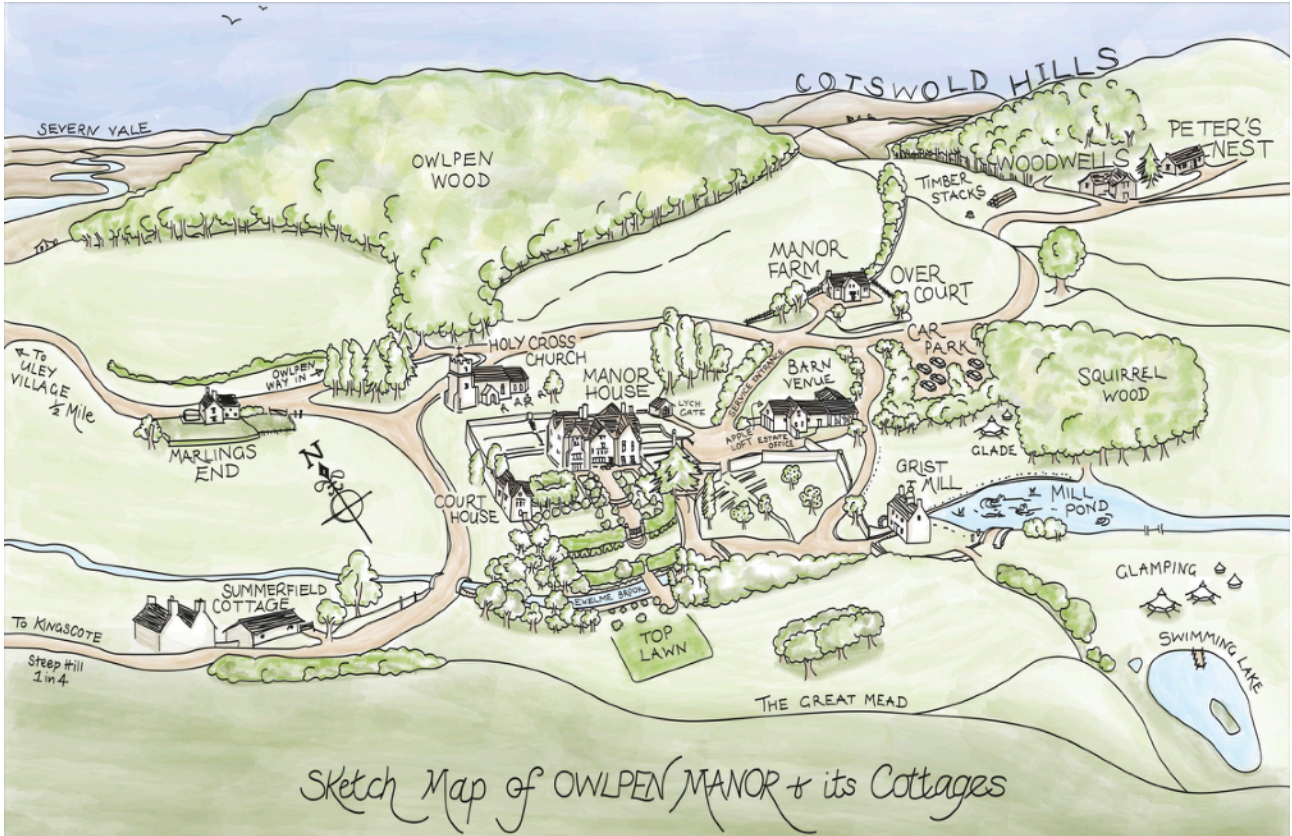
### FROM THE NORTH/ M5:

Exit the M5 at junction 13 (Stroud) and continue east via EASTINGTON and FROCESTER. Turn right at the top of Frocester Hill onto the B4066 and continue along and down into Uley, turning left at the village green by the Old Crown pub.

### FROM THE SOUTH/ M5:

Exit the M5 at junction 14 (Dursley) and take the A38, B4066 and A4135 north via DURSLEY, turning left out of DURSLEY on the B4066 to ULEY.

Turn right in ULEY at the village green by the Old Crown pub where you will see a sign to OWLPEN and OWLPEN MANOR (under one mile down the lane).





# HOW TO FIND THE OFFICE

In case you use What 3 Words, here is a list of how to find all the holiday cottages using that app.

Campsite: saved.undivided.witty  
Estate Office: watch.timed.rods  
Apple Loft: sharpens.worry.mended  
Grist Mill: classed.scoop.scrambles  
Manor Farm: balloons.commenced.perused  
Over Court: acclaim.shopper.brotherly  
Woodwells: socket.mealtime.parading  
Peter's Nest: camcorder.oath.cheaply  
Marlings End: slider.worlds.cello  
The Court House: splendid.handbook.directive  
Summerfield: pods.solution.shudders

THE ESTATE OFFICE is situated in the Cyder Barn: as you walk/ drive down the main tarmac drive you will pass the pole barn on the right, go through a red gate and you'll find the estate office immediately on the right-hand side.

The manor house is 50 metres beyond the barn.

Please see the next page for What 3 Words locations of all holiday cottages.

We look forward to welcoming you to Owlpen soon, and have a safe journey!

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