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INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME TO TRAC

Introduction

Tom Roberts Adventure Centre (TRAC) is a unique venue offering all the facilities you need for an enjoyable stay. We are situated on a secure site in Gloucestershire with 22 acres of beautiful, landscaped countryside and have lots of stimulating adventure activities for you to engage in both indoor and outdoor. We are a Christian Organisation and have an inclusive policy that encourages people from all backgrounds to enthusiastically experience the wonders of creation in a safe setting.

We currently have 41 indoor bed spaces (with room for several camp beds or mattresses on the floor for 'indoor camping'- glamping) and with all the land we have virtually unlimited camping opportunities. Additional indoor accommodation is under construction in the form of Timber Lodges around the camping field. These will increase our 'family' capabilities as well as increase indoor accommodation to around 100 and will come online just as soon as we can get them built.

There are two large grassy fields suitable for events in addition to the camping field and the sports field. A Peace Garden is maintained where you can escape the hustle and bustle of the camp and have a quiet time or can be used for small group contemplation and prayer if you like.

We have a large professional standard catering kitchen and servery adjoining the dining room, a conference centre, a sports hall/barn, a games room/chill out lounge, a boating lake, a fire pit, coppice woods, an eco-pond for pond dipping, an orienteering course around the site, 2 full-size football pitches, a 5-a-side pitch, an adventure playground, a go-kart track for pedal go-karts, a 55m zip line, raft building equipment, and a Frisbee golf setup. With all the space available you are only limited by your own imagination. There is also a grass volleyball and a grass badminton court. There is a variety of sports equipment available for free use by all visitors.

Any user booking the site will have sole use of the primary facilities for an all-inclusive price as detailed on our website (subject to minimum booking fees). We provide a facility that has all you will need to have an adventurous (or restful should you prefer) break. This is a self-run / self-catering facility where we provide the site, and you will be responsible for staffing and managing your group and providing your own catering using the purpose-built facilities here. We can arrange for catering at an additional cost if required or advise of suitable local caterers.



Facilities

The following is a list of some of the site activities currently are available at our centre with more planned as time progresses:

- Basketball
- Indoor 3 or 5 aside Football
- Pool / Snooker
- Air hockey
- Table Football
- Table tennis
- Frisbee Golf
- Pedal Go Karts and Go Kart course
- Rowing Boats & Paddle Boats
- Raft building materials
- Zip wire (55m)
- A Frame Rope Swing
- Tyre Swing
- Adventure playground
- Two Football pitches
- Badminton
- Volleyball
- Indoor and outdoor games equipment (Footballs, Rugby Balls, Basket Balls, Cricket, Hockey, Boules, Skittles, Bibs and Cones, etc)
- Eco-pond with pond dipping equipment.
- Coppice Forest School Area.
- [Nature Activities](#) (Add Link)
- Fire Pit with wood supplied.
- Den building.
- Large griddle style BBQ (wood Supplied) or a standard BBQ (you bring the charcoal).
- [Orienteering Activities](#) (Add Link) & [Maps](#) (Add Link)
- Archery equipment and targets available (Note: For use by qualified instructors ONLY)

Additional Activities available but not included

- Stand Up Paddle Boards, Canoes and other water activities can be provided through a 3rd party if required.
- Archery instructors can be provided by TRAC by prior arrangement and at extra cost of £15.00 per instructor per hour; minimum number required will depend on number of users.
- Air Rifle Shooting may be made available by TRAC by prior arrangement and at extra cost of £15.00 per instructor per hour PLUS £5.00 per instructor to cover cost of pellets; minimum number required will depend on number of users.

The pricing schedule and other information can be found on the website.

Surrounding Areas

Our facilities are 15 minutes from the centre of Gloucester and 20 to 30 minutes away from a from the location of numerous additional indoor/outdoor pursuits, including a leisure centre 1.5 miles away in the centre of Newent. A list of available activities that can be found nearby is available on our website. This is not a comprehensive list and we do not have partnership arrangements with these providers but they are shown for your interest and planning purposes.

Newent is 5 minutes by car and has several pubs, a top-class chip shop, 2 Indian restaurants, 2 Chinese takeaways, a terrific Christian bookshop and café, 2 Co-op supermarkets and numerous smaller outlets and a whole host of other nice shops. It is a pleasant and historic place to visit. There is a nice country pub and restaurant 5 minutes' walk away just outside the gate.

For larger purchases both Tesco and Sainsbury's have very large and modern supermarkets less than 8 miles away in Gloucester (15 mins drive) with Asda another 2-mile journey. Morrison's have two stores in Gloucester and Sainsbury's have one in nearby Ross-on-Wye (10 miles); There are large Aldi and LIDL stores as well. Most will deliver to site.

We are approximately 5 miles from the M50; less than 15 miles from the M5 and on a bus route to Gloucester, Newent and Ross-on-Wye that runs between every 30/60 minutes (there is a bus stop very close to the Farm).

The Forest of Dean and the Wye Valley (20-30 minutes' drive away) host stunning scenery combined with countless activities such as fishing, canoeing, rock climbing, abseiling, caving, horse riding, orienteering, walks, cycling, rope climbing courses, mazes, hill walking, hiking backwoods survival and swimming. Attractions such as the International Centre for Birds of Prey and the Millennium Arboretum are minutes away.

We are 30 minutes away from the Malvern Hills area of outstanding natural beauty and approximately 1.5 hours away from the Brecon Beacons national park.

The cities of Hereford and Gloucester, together with the spa town of Cheltenham, provide access to a host of activities including a purpose-built indoor tennis centre and a large indoor climbing wall (both in Gloucester); leisure pools with wave machines/flumes in Hereford. Worcester is not much further away and is another large historic city.

The Forest of Dean is also host to a number of registered instructors for more active outdoor pursuits who can offer access to instruction in such sports under safe guidance. Please have a look at our website where you will find more photographs of our facilities and details about the surrounding areas.

Additional Information

If you are able to visit us ahead of your potential stay, we would love to show you around. Please do contact us, on either of the telephone numbers below or through email to make arrangements for a site visit. We really look forward to hearing from you.



OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Sports

At the Farm there are 4 fields laid down to grass: -

The main area is nearest the accommodation and lakeside and consists of 1½ acres (113 metres x 45 metres) suitable for camping or activities. There is also a 55-meter-long zip wire here. The lake is accessed from this field, as is the accommodation block and outside toilets and showers for campers. The BBQ area is on the edge of this field. Electrical hook ups are available from this area if required.

The second field is 4 acres (132 metres x 98 metres) on which an 11 a-side football pitch has been set out with full size goal posts and nets. As well as badminton and volleyball nets. The football pitch could also double-up for 5 a-side football or cricket if required. The Adventure Playground / Challenge Course is also in this area, along with a fire pit for campfire (we supply the wood). Finally, there is a large tyre swing at the side of the field in one of the trees. The size of the field also lends itself to numerous other outdoor sports/activities.

Adjacent to this field is a small densely wooded coppice which can be used for a variety of activities including Den Building.

The third field is currently laid out for silage grass at the moment and so is not used for activities. It consists of approximately 6 Acres. This area also contains the Go Kart Track for our 12 pedal go carts. The track is lit for evening use. Some of the orienteering points are located on the mowed track that runs around the perimeter of this field.

The fourth field consists of approximately 7 acres and lies on the other side of the lake. It is the area where the Archery Targets are located. This field is also partially laid to Silage (Rough Grass) which should not be walked on. The top part of the field contains a second full size football field with its own entrance from the far side of the site. This will occasionally be used by outside groups for matches and training. On these pre-arranged occasions, the 3 orienteering points on that side of the field (10/R, 11/N and 12/H) will be out of bounds beyond the mound for unsupervised children, as will the football field itself. At all other times it can be used by any group who has booked the site.

INDOOR SPORTS / ALL –WEATHER ACTIVITIES - SPORTS BARN

There is a multi-purpose Barn measuring some 25 metres x 14 metres which provides an all-weather facility irrespective of the time of day and weather. Immune from the effects of rain and wind the Barn accommodates a range of table tennis, basketball; badminton and volleyball nets, and can be laid out with a skittle alley or with prior arrangements can be used for Archery. The Barn provides a venue for music/disco or a teaching area or a craft activity area with tables.

CHILL OUT ZONE/LOUNGE

We have a large (13 metres x 7 metres) dedicated Lounge/Chill-out zone on the first floor of the Sports Barn with a Stannah stair lift for access by those with limited mobility, pool tables, air hockey, table football etc. and a large screen TV for watching movies. PLEASE NOTE that this TV is



not connected to a digital signal and has had all internet access cut off. This is to prevent inappropriate content being viewed. If DTV is required, then a digital aerial can be signed out from the Centre Manager. This must be returned after every session. Access to the internet should be made via a group leader's laptop, which can be connected to the same HDMI lead that the DVD is attached to (i.e., remove from back of DVD and place in laptop). Please return this to the back of the DVD after use. Audio from the laptop is via the sound system and mini jack (headphones) lead, which is in the AV cupboard. This may be plugged into a phone or other media player for music.

KITCHEN AND DINING FACILITIES

The Dining room seats a minimum of 55/60 people and can also be used as a teaching / training / crafts room. Together with the adjacent utility room and kitchen the venue provides:

- 6 burner double oven commercial style gas cooker
- 2 x Hot water boiler for tea / coffee etc.
- Commercial and domestic microwaves
- Soup Kettle
- Two tall fridges
- One tall freezer
- One under counter fridge accessible for all visitors in the utility area
- Plate warming cabinet
- Bain Marie
- Separate double-drainer double bowl stainless steel sink unit with hot and cold water.
- 2 dishwashers
- Washing machine
- Tumble drier (uses £1.00 tokens that can be purchased from the centre manager).
- Coffee Machine (bring your own filters and coffee)
- Toasters
- A very wide range of crockery and cutlery and a comprehensive selection of cooking utensils.

Additional sharp knives can be obtained from the centre manager on request

SLEEPING ACCOMMODATION

Indoor accommodation (bunks and single beds)

We can accommodate 41 people as follows (Up to 50 with mattresses on the floor):

Ground floor (16)

3 Rooms containing beds as follows:

- One room with 4 sets of bunks (8 beds)
- One room with 2 sets of bunks (4 beds)
- One room with 2 set of bunks (4 beds) and en-suite shower and toilet facilities suitable for a wheel-chair user.

The room is currently made up with bunk beds available for the able-bodied in the event of your group not needing it for a wheel-chair user.

If required, one or both sets of bunks in this room can be converted to single beds if guests with disabilities require them.

Adjacent to this room are two toilets, two showers and a wash-basin room for the able-bodied.

First Floor (25)

Six rooms containing beds as follows:

- Three rooms with 3 single beds and a bunk bed (5 beds)
- Two rooms with 2 single beds (2 beds)
- One room with 3 Bunk Beds for (6 beds)

On this floor are 3 toilets, 3 showers, and a washroom.

Accessibility

All rooms on the ground floor of the accommodation block, including the dining room, kitchen and 2 other rooms, are fully accessible to wheelchair users. One of the bedrooms has a 'wet room' designed for disabled use. The sports barn and the conference centre are likewise accessible and there is a stairlift fitted to allow access to the Chill Out Zone. The rest of the facility is in or around the fields surrounding the main block and access would be restricted only by the softness of the soil following rains. Some of the activities are by nature inaccessible to disabled users. Please feel free to contact us to discuss any special arrangements you might have or arrange for a visit to view the site for yourself if disabled access is required.

Central heating

The indoor accommodation, the chillout zone, the conference centre and the toilet block are heated between October and April inclusive, but the Sports Barn is an open facility and as such has no heating.

Outdoor camping

There are no restrictions to camping numbers, but users will have to provide their own tents / caravans / motor homes. Electrical hook-ups are available on request at a cost of £1.50 per night. Caravans and motor homes should only be brought by prior arrangement and locating these will be determined by the ground conditions at the time. There is a toilet and shower block accessible from the camping fields that would remain open when campers are on site.

TOILETS/SHOWERS

There is separate male & female toilet & shower blocks accessed from outside and providing: -
6 toilets, 2 showers and washroom facilities for lasses.

3 toilets, urinals, 2 showers and washroom facilities for the lads

There is a separate disabled toilet that can be used by leaders in the event that adults need to use facilities separate from the children.

INSURANCES

Full details regarding insurance liabilities are contained in our standard terms and conditions found on the website. These will also be sent to you along with detailed information once you confirm a desire to book the centre. In summary, we are offering to provide a facility to you for your use to carry out the activities that you require for your group to engage in. We do not manage or run any of the activities and as such we do not cover you under our insurances for the actual activities. Our insurance and our liability rests with the provision of the facilities and the



safety of the site and the equipment only. Whilst the Centre has full comprehensive insurance cover this does not extend to activities you run yourselves (or by others on your behalf) and you will need to ensure that you, and any 3rd party you engage, are adequately covered in this respect.

MINIMUM FEES

Full details are on our website but please note that a minimum booking fee of £870.00 applies to indoor accommodation. This equates to 25 people staying for 2 nights at our standard indoor accommodation rates (£17.40 x 25 x 2 = £870.00 inclusive of VAT - £725.00 Ex Vat).

Similar minimum booking fees apply to Camping (£13.80 x 25 x 2 = £690.00) and Day visits (£12.00 x 25 = £300.00). These minimum fees apply where less than 25 people stay for less than 2 nights. Any longer stays or greater numbers are calculated based on price per person per night.

BEDDING

From October 2022 our bedding policy will be changing. We currently provide a sheet and a pillow with pillowcase as part of your booking. These are often not used as people bring sleeping bags and their own pillows, so we are washing unnecessarily. As part of our drive to minimise impact on the environment and unnecessary cost we will only be providing sheets, pillow cases and pillows as part of bedding packs.

2 options will be available:

1. A 'Simple Bedding Pack' containing a sheet, a pillow and a pillowcase can be provided for a cost of £5.00 per pack per visit. If a bed change is required during longer visits then this will be provided at the same cost.
2. A 'Enhanced Bedding Pack' containing a pillow, pillowcase and a Duvet with cover or a sleeping bag at a cost of £10.00 per pack per visit.

In all other cases visitors will be required to bring their own sheets and pillows/pillowcases along with the current requirement to bring your own blankets, duvets or sleeping bags.

If visitors fail to bring their own sheets etc then the simple pack MUST be used.

I would be happy to answer any further questions you might have, or if you wish to visit TRAC at any time, I would be happy to arrange this with you.

Every Blessing

Yours Sincerely

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