

The Dandelion Hideaway – Access Statement

The Dandelion Hideaway provides luxury tented accommodation in uniquely designed Canvas Cottages. The Dandelion Hideaway is located on Osbaston House Farm, a working dairy farm of approximately 200 acres set within Leicestershire countryside.

Whilst we aim to meet the needs of all our guests, the property's farming significance and nature means that there are a number of features which might make access difficult for guests with limited mobility.

We have six self-catering luxury canvas cottages; Rabbit's Warren, Moles Hill, Fox's Den, Hares Form, Badgers Sett and Bluebells.

Pre Arrival

The booking process is predominately via the internet, with email confirmation and information provided. This can be provided by traditional postal mail. A map with directions and full information is provided on the website. Arrival is recommended by car, but guests can arrive by taxi, train or bus. The farm is a working dairy farm; all of the luxury tented accommodation is situated in the Spinney field, a five acre field in the heart of the farm.

You can contact us prior to your arrival by telephone 01455 292888 or e-mail enquiries@thedandelionhideaway.co.uk Website www.thedandelionhideaway.co.uk provides in-depth information about The Dandelion Hideaway and the surrounding area, including road maps and directions.

Our postcode is CV13 0HR for sat navigation purposes.

We are located on Lount Road, directly off the A444. We are located 16 miles from the M1, junction 22 and 4 miles from the M42.

Public Transport

Bus: A bus service runs from Leicester to Barlestone, the number 153. The bus stops on Barton Road on the corner of the Tollgate Crossroads; it is then a short walk of 300 metres along Lount Road to the farmhouse. Arriva Bus company provides the service. The website is www.arrivabus.co.uk and telephone number: 01202 673555.

Taxi: www.keepitcoalville.co.uk/taxisandprivatehire/index.html Telephone 01530 833800. Taxis are usually available at either of the train stations (fare approximately £15 - 20) or we can book one for you.

Train Station	Train Company	Journey Time
Leicester - 14.5 miles	East Midlands Trains Telephone 08457 125 678 email getintouch@eastmidlandstrains.co.uk	45 minutes
Nuneaton – 13.5 miles	London Midland Trains National Rail Enquiries on 08457 48 49 50	25 minutes

East Midlands Airport is 18 miles and only 40 minutes' drive along the M1 or M42 motorway. Birmingham Airport is located 30 miles from the farm via the M42 motorway.

Airport	Address	Telephone
East Midlands	Castle Donington, Derby, DE74 2SA	0871 919 9000 International: +44 1332 852 852
Birmingham	Birmingham , B26 3QJ	+44 (0)871 222 0072

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Birmingham	33	45
Derby	31	45
Leicester	13	35
Leeds	97	110
London - North	110	120
London – South	115	135
Nottingham	30	50
Stoke on Trent	49	80
Warwick	32	60

Arrival & Car Parking

Access to The Dandelion Hideaway is through the private farm vehicle entrance gate. The grid reference is SK 4106. The entrance area is not surfaced, with some loose stones. The drive way area snakes through the farm buildings past the milking parlour and the fields to a single pathway, capable of taking vehicles, which take guests to the dedicated car park area for The Dandelion Hideaway. It is necessary to drive slowly; the car park can accommodate 12 cars. The distance from the farm entrance to the dedicated guest car park area is 410 metres.

It is worth mentioning, so that you have time to plan and prepare, a 'glamping' experience is unlike a hotel experience! From the moment you enter the farm gates and drive through the 'hen jams' to the Old Cow Shed reception, to loading up the wheel

barrow with your luggage and trundling off through the field, it is all a rather different experience to that of a hotel, B&B or even a cottage holiday. Arriving in the daylight is absolutely essential.

Check-in is between 3 – 6pm. Check out is by 10.30am. Earlier check-in to your Canvas Cottage may well be possible by prior arrangement.

On arrival, please check in at The Old Cow shed which is situated in the farm yard. Parking is then 410 metres through the farm to the dedicated car park at The Dandelion Hideaway. Once back in your car you will drive to the dedicated guest's car park. As part of your glamping experience, wheelbarrows are provided for you to transport your luggage from your car to the Canvas Cottage, please bear this in mind when packing. Cars should be left in the car park area which is a short distance from your accommodation. In the interests of health and safety and as a courtesy to other guests we kindly ask you not to drive your car into the fields or to park your car next to your tent.

Distance from guest car park to accommodation	
Rabbits Warren	58 metres
Moles Hill	87 metres
Foxs Den	121 metres
Hares Form	140 metres
Badgers Sett	180 metres
Bluebells	264 metres
Distance: guest car park to the Old Cow Shed, farm yard area.	
The Old Cow Shed	410 metres

We are only too happy to offer help with your luggage and to provide an umbrella if it's raining.

Outside the Old Cow shed front door there is a boot scraper, a sand pot for smokers, and water for dogs.

The Area of Osbaston

Osbaston village dates back to a mention in the Domesday Book in which it is referred to as "Sbermestun". The village's creation and development was inspired by the existence of Osbaston Hall, which traces back to being managed by a Norman. The manor thus later had several different owners including Sir Thomas Pope Blount who is considered responsible for the demolition and reconstruction of the manor. Furthermore, the entire buildings located in the main village area were built before the 19th century. There are several farms located in and around the village, Osbaston House Farm, a goat farm which dates back to 1908 situated on the edge of the National Forest.

Market Bosworth

The historic village of Market Bosworth is less than two miles from the farm. The Settlement of Bosworth predates Roman times; it acquired its 'Market' in 1285 when granted by Royal Charter. The town is famous for its associations with the neighbouring Battlefield and shields relating to the various armies can be seen in and around the market place. A market is still held in the town square every Wednesday.

The Dixie Grammar School stands close to the market square and was built in 1593 by the first Sir Wolstan Dixie, then the Lord of the Manor. It briefly employed Dr. Samuel Johnson, as an usher in 1731. Bosworth Hall, also built by a Sir Wolstan Dixie, is situated to the east of the town centre overlooking Bosworth Park. The parkland, once reserved for the estate deer, is now owned by the council and is open to the public and is probably the town's most well-known attraction.

Market Bosworth is the perfect place to browse the gallery, quirky antique and gift shops and other specialist retailers. The majority of the shops can be found in the Market Square and along the Main Street. Try the excellent delicatessen, Peppercorn Cottage for tasty foods and 'Michelmas' and 'Content' for furniture and gifts for the home.

For fresh fruit and vegetables and a wider selection of supplies as well as beers and wines there are a number of choices in Market Bosworth village which is less than two miles from the farm.

Alternatively if you prefer supermarket shopping, there is a Morrison's Supermarket, store at Hinckley, Normandy Way, LE10 1YA. Telephone: 01455 230322.

Nearest shop by bicycle or walking is the Co op, Barlestone which is less than a mile. Address: 3-5, West End, Barlestone, CV13 0EJ. Main telephone: 01455 290228

Petrol Station

Petrol is available at Morrison's Superstore in Hinckley or at the petrol station in Ibstock which is the nearest petrol station.

Canvas Cottages

Wooden steps up into the main balcony area, ranging from 3 – 6 steps. The entrance canvas 'door' is five foot wide opening into the main lounge and kitchen area. A three foot wide wooden door way provides entrance to the bedroom area, all of the accommodation once inside is on a single flat level.

There is a smoke detector an emergency procedure in place and a fire extinguisher. The emergency exit is in the bathroom. The Canvas Cottages are strictly non-smoking.

Additional Information

Address: The Dandelion Hideaway, Osbaston House Farm, Lount Road, Osbaston, Leicestershire CV13 0HR Telephone: Office 01455 292 888 Mobile 0781 6931685

Email: enquiries@thedandelionhideaway.co.uk

Website: www.thedandelionhideaway.co.uk

Hours of operation: 8am-9pm 7 days a week

We are happy to refrigerate any medication or perishables, e.g. baby's milk, etc.