About The Forest of Dean

The Forest of Dean was designated as a National Forest Park in 1938, the first in England. These ancient woodlands and its variety of wildlife hold many surprises just waiting to be discovered! Spring-time is a favourite time with the brilliant green of the new beech, and the spectacular colours of the bluebells and daffodils. Along severnside and among the Forest villages there are many old orchards with rare and local fruit trees including the Blakeney pear, Blaisdon red plum and Severn bank apple. Delightful spring flowers in the Forest include wood anemone, celandine, dogs mercury, primrose and violet. The Autumnns here are spectacular when the trees display an array of reds, golds and yellows. Larch - the only coniferous tree to lose its needles, also turns a magnificent russet-gold in October. The Forest has some great things to do - you may wish to discover the area's history, or enjoy a stroll around a nature reserve. Explore the many trails on foot, by bike or on horseback, or why not get the adrenalin pumping with a high wire rope course. The area is also home to one of the best rivers in the country for canoeing and kayaking, the river Wye and there are some great fishing lakes and golf courses. On rainy days there's also plenty to do from museums to caves or how about spending some time riding a steam train through the forest or taking a cruise down the River Wye.

Dog Friendly Cottages

Want to bring your pooch along with you? With all the wonderful forest walks on the doorstep, it would be a shame not to. Here at the Old Dairy, your dog is very welcome. We include a spare lead, food & water bowl along with a doggy towel & blanket – in case you forget or just need extras.

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The Old Dairy comprises two luxury cottages set in an idyllic location, and has been graded as a four star residence by “Quality in Tourism”.

Inside Cottage One there is oak flooring throughout. The open plan kitchen/living area has a living flame stove, vaulted ceilings and quality sofa. The stylish kitchen has a Belfast sink, solar touch control hob with fan oven, microwave and dishwasher. There is a dining table and 4 chairs.

Cottage One has a luxurious en-suite bathroom with walk-in power shower and heated towel rail. There is a fully furnished double bedroom with king size bed with Egyptian Cotton bedlinen.

Inside Cottage Two there are flag-stone floors throughout. The open plan kitchen/living areas have a “living flame” cast iron stove, beamed ceilings and a quality, three seater sofa. The stylish kitchen has a belfast sink and solar touch control hob with fan oven plus a microwave. There is a dining table and four chairs.

Cottage Two has a shower and full sized bath and heated towel rail. There is a fully furnished double bedroom with king size bed with Egyptian Cotton bedlinen.

Both cottages have flat screen TVs with “Free Sat” and a digital radio. The Cottages also have WiFi. There is a telephone where our guests can receive incoming calls and make emergency calls.