

Access Statement for Cae Mawr B&B Homestay



Introduction

Cae Mawr is a home-based three-bedroom bed and breakfast, and occupies a rural setting on the hillside overlooking the village of Talysarn, with panoramic views of Caernarfon Bay. The older parts of the house date back to at least the late 18th century.

The following statement is a summary of our provision. If you have any specific questions please feel free to call us and we will endeavour to help. We also welcome your feedback to help us continuously improve our service. If you have any comments please phone or e-mail us.

Booking policy

We only accept bookings from one party at a time, e.g. a small family group or a couple. This means that your party will have private use of all facilities, including the bathroom, lounge and conservatory. (We will also accept single-person bookings, but in this case we reserve the right to accept another single booking at the same time.)

Pre-Arrival

Local public transport is quite good, with regular bus services to Porthmadog and Caernarfon and many of the local villages. The nearest bus stop to Cae Mawr is a couple of miles away in Penygroes or Llanllyfni. If you do arrive by bus we can arrange to pick you up from the village if you let us know in advance.

The nearest main-line railway stations are in Bangor (16 miles), and Porthmadog (15 miles). The nearest airport is Liverpool.

Local directions and other information can be found on our web site, or you can contact us by phone or e-mail (see details below).

Arrival & Car Parking Facilities

Access to the house from the lane is through a farm gate and then up a sloping grass and gravel farm track. Care should be taken between November and April when there are likely to be sheep in the surrounding fields, with lambs in March/April. Please make sure to close the gate at all times.

There is ample car parking adjacent to the house. We can assist guests with luggage.

Main Entrance & Reception

The main entrance is accessed along gravel paths. There is one step up into the hall, with a further step into the guest lounge/dining room.

The parking area and entrances are illuminated by electric lights. These are normally switched off overnight and because we are surrounded by fields it can be very dark outside at night.

There is a moderately steep wooden staircase (one turn) leading to the guest bedrooms on the first floor.

Public Areas – General (Internal)

There are a variety of floor surfaces, including natural slate, exposed floorboards with loose rugs, and fitted carpet.

Cottage-style wooden doors are closed with Suffolk latches. Bedroom doors are additionally secured with Yale-type night-latches.

Lounge / Dining Room

Breakfast and evening meals are served in the large ground-floor lounge/dining room which has fitted carpet. Evening meals are mostly vegetarian, although fish dishes are also available. Vegan and other special diets can be catered for with advance notice. Alcoholic drinks are not provided, but guests may bring their own wine for dinner: we can chill it in the fridge on request.

There is a multi-fuel stove for additional heating during cold weather, supplementing the oil-fired central heating.

Hard and soft seating (including 3- and 2-seat settees) is provided in the lounge. There is a Freesat HD television, a CD/DVD player (with DVDs for guest use), and a variety of maps, books and games. Free WiFi internet access is available.

Conservatory

A large south-facing conservatory adjoins the lounge, with additional hard and soft seating. A table and chairs can be used for taking meals if preferred. The conservatory opens on to the paddock area where there is a patio area with additional seating.

Bedrooms

All bedrooms are on the first floor. Dressing gowns/bath robes are provided in all bedrooms.

The two large bedrooms towards the front of the house both have wardrobes with hanging space, bedside tables with radio alarms, and tea/coffee-making facilities. Both rooms have wooden floors with loose rugs.

The front bedroom with sea views has two single beds, and also has room for a guest bed for use by a child. The rear bedroom looks out over the garden and has a double bed.

A smaller cottage-style double bedroom (with fitted carpet) is available at the rear of the house, next to the bathroom, but has more limited space and storage. It has tea/coffee-making facilities.

Bathroom & WC

The large private guest bathroom has a corner bath with a Grohe shower over, a washbasin with shaving mirror and light, and a toilet and bidet. There is a small hand rail to help with access to the shower, but no other provision for disabled assistance. The floor is wood, with loose cotton bath mats.

Laundry

Laundry facilities are not normally available, but damp clothes can be tumble-dried on request. Wet coats can be dried in the outhouse for a small fee.

Shopping

A number of shops are located in Penygroes (2 miles), including an excellent Co-Op store which is able to supply most essentials.

There is also a cafe, bakery, post office, etc. There are small pubs in Penygroes and Talysarn serving bar snacks (2011). A variety of good restaurants and pubs serving food are available nearby.

There is a doctor and a pharmacy in Penygroes. The nearest A&E hospital is in Bangor.

Grounds & Gardens

Cae Mawr occupies a rural setting, surrounded by hills and fields.

Additional seating, including a cast iron table and chairs, is provided on the patio area outside the conservatory, looking on to the paddock/garden area. The paddock is semi-wild, mostly laid to grass with some trees and bushes.

Additional Information

We have a dry, secure (locked) store for bicycles, diving gear, etc.

There is a bell on the landing outside the bedrooms for attracting attention at night.

Cae Mawr is a non-smoking establishment, but there are lots of open spaces where smoking is possible, including the paddock area. Please take care not to start a fire when discarding cigarette ends during dry weather.

In case of fire smoke alarms will sound. Evacuation instructions are provided in the notices on the back of the bedroom doors.

For a nominal charge we can provide transport to the start of the Nantlle Ridge walk, or to the start of the Rhyd Ddu, Snowdon Ranger or Watkin paths on to Snowdon (Yr Wyddfa).

We regret that we are unable to provide facilities for pets or assistance dogs.

Future plans

For the 2012 season we plan to have a traditional chicken ark and run at the bottom of the paddock, providing our own free-range eggs.

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