

Recycle, Recycle, Recycle!

Recycling is very important to us. We ask you to recycle while you are here and we leave composting bags for raw food as well as boxes for plastics, cardboard, tins and glass.

Energy Efficiency

We are not off-grid or using solar panels (yet)! but we *do* source our wood for the wood-burners locally and our electricity is from Ecotricity as we love what they do - No fossil fuels, and no animal by-products. Just green electricity made from the wind, the sun and the sea, and green gas made from organic material.

Our cabins are super insulated and also benefit from green, living roofs.

We are within a SAC (Special Area of Conservation) and it is important to keep lighting levels very low. Consequently we have no external lighting and our windows are fitted with automated black out blinds. We also ask you to help us keep it that way by switching off lights when you don't need them.

Laundry & Cleaning

Our starting point for all our products is Eco Friendly, UK made, re-usable or biodegradable packaging. Sadly we can't always get products made in the UK but we are getting there. We are also fans of an e-cloth and vinegar. Fancy chemicals don't make things any cleaner, they just save a bit of elbow grease! We provide Mitcheldean handmade soap – made using the highest quality, naturally derived, cruelty-free ingredients, with 100% natural fragrance. Towels and bedding are made from sustainable cotton, washed in harvested rain water and eco friendly products and wherever possible, dried in the clean Forest of Dean air.

Kitchen Essentials and Little Extras

Where possible, we stock the kitchen with local, organic produce. Items that aren't made locally will at least be bought from the local village shop, individual shops or local market traders.

Our Little Extras are all locally sourced too and the milk comes is semi skimmed and comes in a glass bottle.

Travel and Transport

Gloucester train station is conveniently located opposite Gloucester bus station. Look for routes 24 or 33 to get to Mitcheldean (timetable links below). Once in Mitcheldean, we are a 15 minute walk from the bus stop (Lambs Quay Pub). If bringing a car, we want to encourage guests to leave it onsite once you are here. There are two local bus' running between Mitcheldean, Gloucester & Ross on Wye [Route 33 Ross-on-Wye to Gloucester \(via Mitcheldean\)](#) . [Route 24 Ross-on-Wye, Mitcheldean, Gloucester](#) We are 0.9 miles from the nearest village shop and bus stop (a fifteen minute walk). There will be an ordinance survey map for you to use, plus lots of advice and maps for walks from the property. If you would like to arrive by bike then you can store them in our secure bike shed. If you have an electric car, we have a free, electric car charging point here on site.

Nature

A stay with us is a great way to immerse yourself in nature. We are situated in an SAC (Special Area for Conservation) and are close to a maternity roost for the endangered horseshoe bat. Light a fire and sit outside in the evening to watch their amazing flight displays or just stare at the stars and listen for the owls. Check out the latest [What's On - Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust](#) - we are members of Gloucester Wildlife Trust. We also sponsor a great local initiative – The Rewilding Project. A non-profit social enterprise focused on environmental education and ecological restoration. They do great work and regularly run some inspirational “ traditional skills and crafts” workshops - [take a look](#). Sit in the meadow and watch the birds, bees and butterflies – the meadow is planted and designed to encourage wildlife with a naturally fed pond, reptile hibernaculum, bird boxes & roosting pockets plus bat boxes. We have no TVs, so enjoy sitting in the Japanese soak tub and keep an eye out for the badgers that frequent the meadow at night.