

## UNIVERSITY OF LONDON MOUNTAINEERING CLUB CASEG FRAITH – ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE INFORMATION

*Please read the following notes carefully. The person booking the hut, or their nominated representative, is considered responsible for the use and care of the hut during your stay.*

### ARRIVAL

**Location:** Address: Caseg Fraith, Capel Curig, BETWYS-Y-COED. Grid Reference: SH 6838 6011.

**Directions:** Proceed westwards along the A5 from Capel Curig towards Bangor for about 2½ miles. A large clump of trees on the left-hand side of the road marks the location of Helyg, the Climbers Club hut. Just less than ½ mile beyond Helyg is a farm entrance on the left, just before a telegraph pole and a bus stop sign. Turn left here into Gwern Gof Isaf (farm with campsite). Go over a cattle grid and when the road bears left towards the farmhouse, you should see a sign to Caseg Fraith pointing right. Follow the old road (bridleway) westward for about 50m; the Caseg Fraith car park is then on the left and the hut is about 60m up the track running SW from the car park. It is best to avoid navigating to the hut using the postcode which covers a large area and will take you to the wrong place. A map (and more usefully a satellite view) showing the hut and its surroundings can be found by searching for “Caseg Fraith Hut” in Google Maps.

**Parking:** There is a **strict limit of 8 vehicles** allowed to park at Caseg Fraith.

Under the terms of our lease from the National Trust, car parking space is limited to a total of **8 vehicles only**. Vehicle spaces are allocated when booking. Display your allocated parking permit in the windscreen of your vehicle. **Any excess vehicles must be parked elsewhere** and should be moved as soon as possible after unloading. Park your vehicle considerately as per the sketch map and instructions. Please ensure that all members of your party park their vehicles in a responsible manner. **Do not park any vehicles on the campsite or in the car park by the entrance to the farm from the A5.** The farmer will not allow any vehicles from the hut to be parked on his land even if you offer to pay him! The nearest parking to the hut is ¾ mile away along the left side of the A5 towards Bangor, below Little Tryfan.

**Access:** There is a keypad: have a torch handy. The code will be emailed to you about a week before your stay. The light switch is at bottom of stairs on the wall, 2 metres forward on the left as you enter the hut.

**Enter names of all persons attending the meet and staying in the hut in the Hut Register** in the lobby (this is a legal requirement).

**It is important that you read and understand the Caseg Fraith Health & Safety Policy Statement posted on the notice board.** All fire exits are clearly marked with appropriate signs. Please do not interfere with the fire escape ladders, ropes or fire extinguishers except in the event of a fire.

### DURING YOUR STAY

- The premises are **STRICTLY NO SMOKING**. Anyone wishing to smoke must do so outside and away from the hut doorway and not dispose of their fag ends outside.
- **Toilets** are outside. Keys are kept on a hook to the left of the notice board by the front door. **Please ensure the toilets are locked whilst out of the hut** as passers-by may try to use them if they can gain access. On your departure, please ensure that the toilets are locked and keys returned to the hook by the front door.
- **Toilet paper**, black bags, tea towels etc. are found in the cupboard to the left of the First Aid cupboard in the kitchen. Kindling (in the snug) and coal (in the bunker outside) are usually provided for the open fire.
- **Heating** controls are in the boiler cupboard to the right as you enter the kitchen. There are two boilers and both should be switched on with Boiler #2 switched on before Boiler #1. If you need the heating, switch on both boilers; if a boost of heating is required at a time when the heating is off, press the boost button in the cupboard to override the timer for one hour.

- **Hot water** can be obtained by switching the immersion heater on the upstairs landing to "Timed"; if the heater is timed off and a quick boost is required, turn the boost control; this boosts for up to 1 hr. On departure please ensure that the immersion heater is switched off.
- **Water supply** is off the hillside and is made safe for drinking by UV irradiation. The supply is tested annually. The hut should have been left with the water supply turned off on the panel behind the water treatment system on the upstairs landing. The vertical and horizontal lever valves should have been left closed (at right angles with the pipes). The pump and UV system should have been left switched at the neon switch and on at the sockets to the left of the water treatment system. When you arrive, you should open both the horizontal and vertical lever valves, so that the levers are in line with the pipes and make sure that the pump and UV system are switched on. We will give you a link to a photo that shows the location of the valves and which ones should be open when the hut is occupied which should be closed when you leave. You must run the water for at least **8 minutes** before using it. The pump being permanently on or coming on very regularly when no water is being drawn probably means that there is a severe leak somewhere in the hut and the pump will make it considerably worse by continuing to pump out water into the hut. If this happens or if you discover a leak anywhere, please immediately turn off the water with the two lever valves and contact the Warden or Caretaker (if it is after 11.00pm, please wait until the morning). If this happens in the middle of the night, and the water is not turned off, you could find the hut flooded and the ceiling down when you get up in the morning!
- **Recycling** should be separated from general waste and **taken away with you** when you leave. Conwy Council have a recycling point opposite the Tyn y Coed Inn in Capel Curig (the one with the stagecoach outside).
- **General waste** should be placed in the black bag under the worktop in the centre of the kitchen opposite the shelves. When the sack is nearly full and when you vacate the hut, please tie the sack up and place it in the bin in the car park. A triangular key to open and lock the bin is left with the toilet keys on the hook by the front door. Please ensure that the bin is locked at all other times and **never leave any black bags outside the bin or outside the hut**, as animals will tear them open and create havoc. If the bin is full, please notify the Warden. Under no circumstances should waste or recycling be placed in the campsite bins or the farm's household bins.
- The hut has a **septic tank**, therefore use of harsh cleaning chemicals need to be minimal, which is why we mostly use eco materials. Please do not flush anything down the toilet other than human waste and toilet paper, and avoid excessive use the latter. Should a blockage occur, there are some drain rods under the eaves by the immersion heater. If you need to use the rods, please make sure they are only ever turned clockwise.
- **Close the porch gate** when going out for the day and at night. It is there to stop the sheep using the porch as a toilet! Please also lock all the toilets when nobody is in the hut.
- The farm cat has a habit of trying to gain access to the hut to shelter from the weather. We do not recommend that you allow it in, as it sometimes hides inside the hut and could conceivably be locked in without food or drink for many days when the hut is vacated.
- If you have been allocated a specific bunkroom please use that room only.
- **Dirty boots** must not be worn inside the hut. There is a boot rack in the entrance lobby for their storage.
- Please respect other hut users and do not make any noise after midnight. If there are children, or other tired people, asleep please respect this and keep the noise down by 10 pm.
- Radios etc. must NOT be played so loudly that it disturbs others using the hut.
- Caseg Fraith is a privately owned mountaineering club hut. No accommodation is available to anyone who has not booked in advance.
- There is a telephone for incoming calls (the number is 01690 720605) and for outgoing freephone (0800) and emergency numbers only.
- The hut does have **WiFi** and, so called, broadband. The router is located in the under stairs cupboard, accessed from the kitchen; it should be left switched on. The line speed is very poor, as there is 3 miles of copper cable between the hut and the nearest BT cabinet, but there is an automatic backup over EE's 4G mobile network if the landline fails. If it is not working at all, first try rebooting the router by switching it off and on again at the socket; if it still does not work then report this to the Warden.

If you encounter any problems during your stay, which need urgent attention, please call the local caretaker: **Sally Brown: 01286 870626 or 07789 848978**

## ON DEPARTURE

- **Switch off the heating boilers, hot water immersion heater** and all the lights before leaving the hut.
- **Vacuum and sweep** all floors upstairs (bunkrooms, landing and stairs) and downstairs (bunkroom, washroom, snug, shower room, corridor, the kitchen throughout and the entrance lobby). Both vacuum cleaners are located in the cupboard under the stairs. Brooms, brushes and dust pans are located in the boiler cupboard by the door to the kitchen.
- **Mop the floors** downstairs and in the toilets using the floor detergent kept on shelf above the rubbish bin. Mops are kept in the boiler cupboard by the door to the kitchen.
- **Clean the toilets, showers and wash basins.**
- **Clear, clean** and wipe out the fridges. Leave them switched on with the doors closed.
- **Wipe down** all work surfaces and tables.
- **Put away** all washing up.
- **Close and fasten all windows.**
- **Clean out the fire grate** but leave any part burnt coal in the grate ready for the next occupants, and leave the hod full of coal. Ash from the fire, once cool, can be disposed of with general waste or deposited in the old concrete container opposite the plastic coal bunker outside.
- Make sure that **no food, waste or recycling** is left in the hut and that the black sack in the kitchen is tied up and placed in the bin in the car park and that this bin is **locked** when you vacate the hut. **Replace the bin key** on the hook inside the front door.
- **Lock the toilets**, return the keys to their hook inside the front door.
- **Turn off the water supply** by closing the lever valves behind the water treatment system, so that they are both at right angles to the pipes. Do not turn off the main stopcock valve above and to the right of the door to the small upstairs dorm. It should always be left open. Please do not switch off the pump or the UV system at the neon switch or at the sockets. The contractor who installed the system has recommended that they are permanently powered on.
- **Close the main door firmly** and check that it is locked by pushing the door and **close the sheep gate** as you leave.
- **Please leave the hut in the condition you would expect to find it and report any damage to the Warden.** Parties are monitored and those who leave the hut in an untidy or unclean state or cause any damage will be charged extra and may not be allowed to use the hut again.

## AFTER YOUR STAY

If you have had a non-urgent problem, or have noticed any damage or loss to the hut or its contents, please complete the comments book in the lobby or cupboard, and leave the local caretaker a note and/or inform the Hut Warden: Phil Tarr, email: [casegfraith@gmail.com](mailto:casegfraith@gmail.com).

**Pay any remaining hut fees** immediately after your stay, either by bank transfer or cheque; please email the Warden when this is done. The balance should be paid within 7 days of your departure. Bank details are as follows:

Bank: Barclays

Sort Code: 20-09-72

Account Name: ULMC Hut Account Re Caseg Fraith

Account Number: 43019314.

IBAN: GB36 BUKB 2009 7234 0193 14, BIC: BUKBGB22 for international payments (in GBP please).