

cherry lakes

Welcome
to Lodge Life...



INFORMATION BOOKLET

A Warm Welcome

from the Cherry Lakes Team!

Welcome to Cherry Lakes and this information booklet designed to help you get the best out of your stay with us. We normally send this handbook to you digitally in advance of your stay so you may prepare but we also leave a copy in all of our lodges for your reference. We hope you enjoy your visit to Cherry Lakes and find this information useful. Thank you.

THE BASICS...

ENTRY & EXIT

As you have no doubt already discovered, our main gate is coded to the lead booker in each guest group and they can open and close the gate by calling the dedicated gate mobile number. The gate will automatically close after entry and exit. Should you order a takeaway during your stay, the deliver drivers will know to arrive outside the main gate. It is your responsibility to go and collect your food from outside the gate from the driver. Please do not let them in as they are not familiar with our lodges and will disturb other guest.

PARKING

We ask all guests to return their vehicles to the dedicated parking area near the gates. You are welcome to drop shopping during your visit but we always ask that vehicles remain in the car park as much as possible to keep the complex peaceful for all.



HELP

Our team are only a call or WhatsApp message away and their contact details are on the notice boards in each lodge. They can help with fishing, bait, equipment hire and general information about the lakes and lodges.

PROBLEMS & QUERIES

Please let us know if there any issues we can address during your stay. Life isn't a straight line and whilst rare, issues can arise so just let us know and we will do all we can to rectify ASAP.



Good news! We now have fast fibre for you to enjoy during your visit, access details are:

NETWORK NAME:

Cherry Lakes

PASSWORD:

Bigboy30

Keeping you safe and well during your stay with us

IN AN EMERGENCY

Here is some critical information should you need to contact emergency services. Most importantly, notify a senior member of our team as soon as possible and they will do all they can to assist. Contact details as follows;

Mike Kirsch
Owner:
07800 697 300

Main Office
Office Number:
01268 869 887

Simon Littmoden
Manager:
07586 780 410



OUR ADDRESS:

CHERRY LAKES, WILDMOORWAY LANE, SOUTH CERNEY, GL7 5UZ

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THIS WILL NAVIGATE TO THE MAIN GATE

Health

We have 2 defibrillators located at Cherry Lakes. There is one behind Grebe Lodge on the main lake and one near to the cottage in the car port adjacent to the owners property. Both are clearly visible and are self led machines with audio instruction.

All our lodges are equipped with active smoke alarms and carbon monoxide monitors for your safety, so don't burn your dinner or you could get a surprise!



Automated External Defibrillator



Now get Fishing
and read this
helpful booklet
at your leisure.



Getting to know your Lodge

We have summarised some key aspects about your lodge which we hope you will find helpful. Your lodge would have been carefully prepared and cleaned prior to your arrival but should you have any queries, please contact one of the team using the contact details on the noticeboard in your lodge.

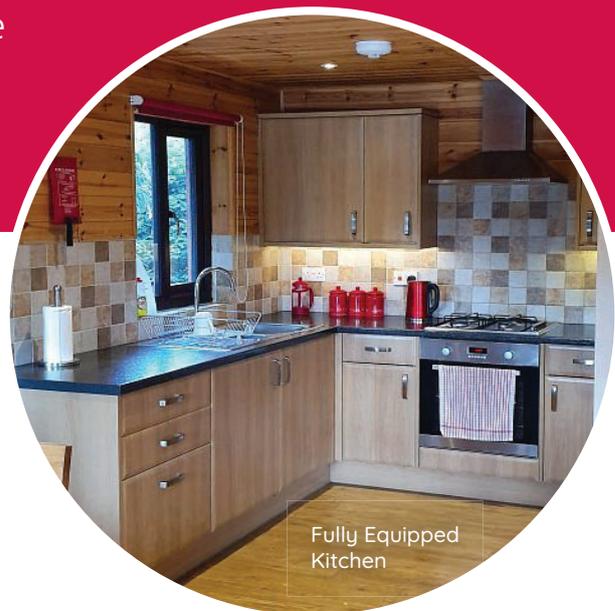
HEATING & HOT WATER

There is both hot water and heat available 24/7 in each lodge to keep you warm, clean and comfortable. The thermostat for the heating is typically situated outside each bedroom on the wall.

In most cases, it is a simple dial and just select your preferred temperature. No need to press buttons on most units. The hot water should run almost immediately but should there be an issue, please run a bathroom tap and kitchen sink tap at the same time. It's often a quick hack to summon the heat again!

TV

Your TV is a smart TV connected to our internet and ready to log into your favourite streaming sites. Please remember to log out.



KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

We do our best to ensure that your kitchen equipment is without fault or breakages. Should something develop a fault or you spot an issue, please bring it to our attention and we will do our best to rectify asap. Similarly, accidents happen and if you experience a minor breakage during your visit, please let us know and we will do our best to replace ASAP.

RUBBISH & RECYCLING

We ask that you please separate 'normal' recycling similar to what you would do at home any from general waste. A swing lid bin is provided for general waste whilst a large plastic box is provided for your recycling. Our waste bins are situated near the main gate and are split in accordance with how we ask you to separate waste in the lodges. These large bins are clearly labelled and we thank you for taking a moment to ensure you separate correctly.



GENERAL LODGE GUIDANCE

- Strictly **NO Smoking or Vaping** in the Lodges thank you.
- We do not allow any pets of any sort on site during your stay. This rule is actively monitored.
- Please check with the team if you would like to invite a guest or family member to visit during your stay.
- Please don't use the kitchen equipment for fishing purposes.
- Please do not store live baits such as maggots or worms in the kitchen fridges.
- Please respect your neighbours and the owners and keep noise levels low when enjoying the outside areas.
- All disposable BBQ's to be placed in the metal trays on each lodge terrace.
- Please respect your lodge boundaries and the signs around the site where guests are prohibited from entering.
- Please report any equipment failure or breakages to our team so they can ensure they are promptly dealt with.

FIRE

Each lodge is equipped with early detection sensors and exits will be the main patio doors or the bedroom windows. We also supply each lodge with a fire blanket located in the kitchen.

With the increasing level of technology used in angling, we ask that all lithium battery powered equipment is charged outside. **This is mandatory for bait boat batteries** but lights and other powered items for angling would benefit from the same. We supply a fireproof box outside each lodge terrace with power for your charging needs.

SEWAGE

We operate an organic sewage system that relies on everyone's sensible waste management.

No sanitary products, cotton buds, nappies or wet wipes to be put down the toilet. There is a small bin in each bathroom with a liner for these items.

No food waste, oil and other fats to be emptied into the sink drainage.

No bleach products to be used in both the toilet and sink. Our organic treatment works depends on everyone's common sense with these simple rules.

Many Thanks





Out and About in South Cerney

The village centre is a short 10-15min walk from Cherry Lakes and offers various amenities.

SHOPPING

There is a well stocked Co-op near the village centre which also hosts an ATM

HEALTH

There is a pharmacy in the village open every day except Sunday and in case of more immediate requirements, there is a minor injuries unit at Cirencester Hospital.

EATING

There is an Indian Takeaway and Chip Shop in the village together with 3 pubs all serving food (The Eliot Arms, The Old George and The Royal Oak) all 3 have websites in order to check out their menus. There is also the Lakeside Brasserie a few minutes from the lake with good parking and a good menu with views of another lake.

Other

There are lots of footpaths to explore and nature to admire. There is a day Spa at the De Vere Hotel nearby. Plenty of water sports in the nearby surrounding leisure lakes and a tackle shop called 'The Tackle Den' a large excellent and well stocked tackle shop a few mins drive away.





CIRENCESTER AND FURTHER AFIELD

Cirencester is known as the 'Capital of the Cotswolds' and is a historic market town famous for its rich Roman history.

The Corinium Museum is an interesting place to visit to see extensive Roman artifacts and St John the Baptist Church is a stunning parish church that dominates the town centre.

Beyond the heritage, Cirencester is home to a superb collection of boutique shops, galleries, independent food and coffee establishments and a vibrant market. Parking is plentiful and the town is a great place to visit when the fish aren't biting!



Beyond Cirencester, you also have the popular tourist attractions of Boughton on the Water and Bibury within easy reach if you want to take in some classic Cotswold village scenery.

Also within a reasonable distance is Diddly Squat Farm made famous by Jeremy Clarkson on Amazon and his pub/restaurant, The Farmers Dog.

Lots to see and do if you fancy a break away from the lake or wish to treat the important person in your life.

Thank us later ladies!



General Rules

We try to keep these to a minimum and expect common sense and above all, top class fish care. We have an incredible stock of carp for you to angle for and everyone's co-operation ensures it remains one of the best in the UK.

FISH CARE

Beyond your safety, this is our No.1 priority at Cherry Lakes. Our team are always on hand to offer guidance and help and we ask that everyone carefully studies the Fish Care notice boards we have on the terrace of each lodge. These are the most important aspects of what we expect when you catch our carp and we thank you in advance for taking the time to read and understand these principles.

Please also take a few minutes to watch this superb Youtube video on fish care. This is not our team or lake but the advice and information provided is a strong reflection of our shared fish care ethos.

Please scan the QR code with your phone to watch the video



BIO SECURITY AT CHERRY LAKES

We provide all of the core fish care equipment at Cherry Lakes so please DO NOT bring any Landing Nets, Retainers, Weigh Slings or Mats/Cradles onto our site.

Please only use our supplied equipment and notify us of any damage or items that need repair or replacing. Torn nets are a common issue, it happens so please let us know and we can replace or repair.

Please also ensure that fish are not removed or introduced from any of the lakes and the fish care equipment supplied to your lodge stays on that lodge. If you are swapping lakes at Cherry during your stay, please only use the equipment supplied at each lodge.



OUR GENERAL RULES

We expect all Anglers to have the correct number of Environment Agency Fishing Licences in order to fish at Cherry Lakes.

- With the exception of the Cottage swim, and designated area adjacent to Kingfisher Lodge on Cherry Springs, please note that bivvies, tents and broly shelters are not permitted at Cherry Lakes.
- A maximum of 3 rods are permitted per angler where allowed. If two anglers are sharing a lodge or the Cottage Swim on Cherry Main Lake, a maximum of 2 rods per angler are permitted.
- Please respect the angling boundaries of the water in front of your chosen lodge. These will be explained to you by our team and we operate an excellent atmosphere of co-operation on the Main Lake when shared by more than one lodge. Please don't become over enthusiastic with your bait boat or chase showing fish that are in another anglers water.
- We only permit the use of Rod Pods on our lodge decking and Cottage Swims. You cannot use single sticks outside of the Lodge area or stage stands that screw into our expensive grip sure decking. Thank you.
- Please respect the anglers around you and maintain your audible bite alarms to a level that does not disturb others. No one wants to hear someone else's bite alarm constantly beeping for no good reason.



DEEP WATER

Of course we have a lot of water and it is generally much colder than your shower at home! Please take care when around the platform edges as some of our lakes are deep and cold water shock can be quickly debilitating. We also have some basic rules everyone must abide by

1. No use of the on-site boats. These are strictly for the use of owners and staff. If you have snagged your line, call us and we will come out and free your line by boat if required.
2. No wading or swimming. Water shots look great when you catch a large carp but don't let it be the last fish you catch by taking an unnecessary risk. Remember, a lot of our margins are deep !
3. In case of an accidental entering of the water, each lodge is equipped with a life ring attached to the lodge terraces.
4. We appreciate a lot of our guests will enjoy a glass or two of alcohol when visiting but please exercise caution if still fishing or better still, wind in and have a relaxing evening.

SPAWNING TIME AT CHERRY

Dependant on the level of spawning activity, we expect all anglers to fish away from the spawning areas or even stop fishing if the spawning activity is significant. Our team will constantly monitor this and may bring this to your attention in order to protect our fish at this highly stressful time.

Our Fishing Rules

- We only permit the use of our Cherry Lake boilies and particles on all of our lakes. Please **DO NOT** bring any free feed boilie or particles as these are strictly not permitted.
- All of our lakes at Cherry are Tubing only waters. We expect a minimum of 45cm of good quality tubing and we pay attention to this rule closely. Please do not fish with Leaders or Leadcore of any description. Naked line set ups are also NOT allowed.
- We ask you to fish simple hook patterns and these **MUST BE BARBLESS**. We don't allow long shank curved hooks or any of the highly aggressive patterns increasingly marketed. We have no weed or snags, you do not need these aggressively shaped hook patterns to secure a hook hold at our lakes.
- **NO** artificial / plastic baits of any type. Should you suffer a line failure, these baits remain fishing and pose a risk to our stock and wildlife. Again, we are very accustomed to these baits and will spot them easily. Please don't take the risk.
- We request that you fish a minimum breaking strain of 15lb when fishing for our carp or a minimum line diameter of 0.32mm. We have no weed or snags but heavier / stronger line will help you disguise your line and minimise breakages.
- Rig set ups must be safe and critically, ensure they eject the lead in the event of failure. Jamming leads on a clip with the tail rubber held firmly tight will not achieve this and again, we will not hesitate to politely point out a rig that is, in our opinion, not safe.
- Our team have many years of experience and will happily help or explain safe and successful rig set ups that we like at Cherry Lakes. Don't be shy, we are here to help.
- Zig Rigs or surface fishing are not permitted at Cherry Lakes. We have a wide and varied range of wild life and they live in harmony with our visiting anglers. Lets not upset that by tempting them with reachable fishing bait.
- You are of course very welcome to be in your lodge when fishing but we do not allow remote fishing should you wish to stretch your legs away from the lodge. Similarly if your mate is fishing next door, we don't allow a social in one Lodge with rods out in another.
- Please keep bait and baited rigs out of reach from wild life and the owners dogs.

Any serious or repeated breach of any of the above will leave us no choice but to ask you to stop fishing or even leave the site.



For a full explanation of our rules, please scan the QR code to navigate to our website for more information.





Our Bait Policies

at Cherry Lakes

We only permit the use of our Cherry Lake boilies and particles on all of our lakes and are pleased to offer a comprehensive selection of quality bait and session packs available to pre order in advance of your stay.

WHAT CAN YOU BRING?

We allow you to bring your own high quality pellet, hook baits and sweetcorn. You can also bring your own liquids. Please **DO NOT** bring free feed boilie or particle as these are strictly not permitted.

We actively manage what is fed to our stock and have sourced high quality feed at competitive pricing and it is designed to both nourish and satisfy our fish stocks. We kindly ask that you purchase your feed bait from us.

Essentially, we know what works and it would be foolish to allow unknown items on site which could be detrimental to our carp. Besides, our stock are very familiar and like what we feed, so why would anyone want to fish against it?

CHERRY LAKES BAIT RANGE

We are pleased to offer a selection of economical in house bait packages with both our 'Session' & 'Haulin' packs are very popular with visiting guests. We supply high quality boilies, pop-ups, liquids, pellet and /or Hemp available to pre order or top up as you go.

All of our products have been carefully selected to offer both high quality but at sensible prices. Ordering in advance is always advised we have a copy of the Bait Menu in each lodge for your consideration.

For more information, about our bait range, and prices, scan the QR code to navigate to our website for more information.



Guest Support

who, how and when?

Our team are on hand to support you during your stay and will do all they can to make it a memorable trip. Should you need their help, the following will help you locate them and explain their availability.

Our normal hours of support are 8am - 3.30pm 7 days a week. Our team is as follows:

Mike Owner:
07800 697 300*

Simon Owner Cover:
07586 780 410*

Dave Manager Mon-Fri:
07598 090 296

Ian Occasional Weekend Cover: **07976 261 016***

*These numbers and team members can also receive and reply to WhatsApp messages during these core hours of support plus you can make them aware of any needs outside of normal working hours.

Should you require help with snagged fish outside of working hours, the rod should be left in position with an open bail arm and one of the team will assist as soon as it is possible, that could be the following morning so please be patient and please, do not pull for a break.

Equally should you accidentally hook a bird or any of the wild life at Cherry, please endeavour to unhook it yourself otherwise keep it secure until a member of our team can reach you.

Any requests for bait, equipment of general help should be made and answered during our stated working hours. We appreciate that sometimes life happens and a request may be outside of the core working day. We will do our best to respond as soon as it is convenient.

**We hope you enjoy
your stay with us**

THE 'HEALTH & SAFETY' BIT

All our guests visit Cherry Lakes at their OWN RISK. The owners do not accept any liability for injury to anglers or their guests. This also includes any theft or damage to anglers equipment.

Your vehicles are also parked at Cherry Lakes for the duration of your stay at your OWN RISK.

We have provided a secure car park with controlled entry and exit but the owners do not accept any liability for any damage of theft relating to vehicles.

Please observe our 5mph speed limit on site.

Please observe our NO smoking or vaping rules for the lodges and cottage.

No swimming or wading in any of the lakes and remember the boats are 'owner use' only.

We do not allow unauthorised visitors on site. If you wish to have a visitor when staying with us, please discuss and agree with our team. They remain vigilant for your safety and security and will challenge anyone we don't recognise.