

MONMOUTH

Glen Trothy Camping Park

Mitchel Troy, Monmouth, NP25 4BD

25-27 July 2008

GR 496105

Cost £5.00pppn

Directions:

Glen Trothy Caravan and Camping Park is situated just to the south of Monmouth. We are in the field set aside for groups.

From the south:

Cross the Severn or take the M4 from South Wales. Come off the M4 at the Newport turnoff (junction 24) and head north up the A449. After take the Abergavenny turnoff (A40) to Raglan. From here the Old Monmouth Road is signposted to Mitchel Troy. The campsite you will see on the left as you enter the village.

From the north:

Head to Ross on Wye by either the M50 (from the M5) or the A449 (if coming from Shropshire/North Wales). Continue down the A40 towards Monmouth.

After you pass Monmouth on your right, take the left onto the B4293 just before the tunnel. Take the first right off this to the village of Mitchel Troy and the campsite you will see on the right as you enter the village.

Facilities & Amenities

I will be bringing the all new Lanch group tent to act as our central meeting spot in inclement weather. We have to pay a little extra for this, so I hope you don't mind all chipping in - could everyone pay me (cheques to the Lanch) rather than the campsite please.

Local Facilities:

Amenities are particularly good, with toilet blocks, excellent hot showers, hand and hairdryers (including sockets for using your

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own dryers), razor points, laundry facilities, washing up room and chemical disposal point.

There is a children's play area, which is centrally situated with swings, climbing frame, play deck and cabin, ladders, a climbing wall and sand pit

Activities

Walking:

There are many trails in the nearby woods for easier walking.

The Offa's Dyke path runs only a mile or so away from the campsite, for the longer kind of walk (although you will need to turn round and come back at some point).

The Black Mountains are only a short drive away.

Scrambling

None that I know of. Dammit.

Climbing:

The climbing playground of Wintour's Leap is a short drive away. Tons of routes, mainly multi-pitch on limestone.

Canoeing

Possibly Monmouth's premier activity, with the Wye very popular for this.

NOTE: there are several canoe hire companies in the vicinity. Whilst it may be possible to hire them on the day, if anyone definitely would like to go canoeing, please let me know before the end of June and I will see if I can book something. This may also allow us to get hire and pickup and not have to paddle upstream and then back.

Tourist Stuff

Just to the north, Symonds Yat is a major cliff face hosting a pair of nesting peregrines, so bring your binoculars (although from memory they do have telescopes)

The Big Pit Mining Museum at Blaenavon may be of interest for those of you interested in industrial heritage.

Cheese:

Abergavenny's Y Fenni cheese is the primary local cheese and is a Cheddar spiced with mustard seeds that is widely available.

Less widely available is the goat's cheese Pat ys Gawn, described as a fresh, citrus flavour with a tantalizing suggestion of tarragon.

I should mention that this location was the site for our introduction to one of the worst cheeses ever seen on a meet - the Norwegian toffee cheese. Anyone bringing this will be asked to leave.

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