

Extraordinary holidays, celebrations & adventures



Enjoying your stay at Meadowbank House

Everything you need to get the most out of your stay

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Arrival

Where We Are

Property Name: Meadowbank House
Address: Sheppey Stables
County: Catbrook
Postcode: Chipping Campden
Gloucestershire
GL55 6DF

Check in and check out

Check in time: 4pm
Contact name for check in: Jane, the house owner
Contact number for check in: 07803 399566

Gate code: 2512
Key safe code for the house keys: 1386

Check out time for 2 night weekend booking: 4pm on Sunday
Check out time for 3 night weekend booking: 10am
Check out time for 7 night week bookings: 10am

Getting to us

Nearest Train station and distance: Moreton-in-Marsh, a ten minute drive away

The nearest airport is: Coventry and Birmingham

Taxis are available: ETC, Moreton-in-Marsh 01608 650343/ 07800 957646/ 07800 957651.

This taxi firm is a professional, local firm that knows the Cotswolds well. Please note that taxis get booked up far in advance and are in short supply in the area so please book before your visit if possible or as early as possible during your stay.

Directions

Please ensure that everyone travelling to Meadowbank House has a copy of the directions with them. If you need to ask for directions ask for the Recreation Ground and Tennis Courts on George Lane. The lane and entrance to the house are marked with black and white house signs.

Using Sat Nav: If using Sat Nav or a route planner it will take you to Catbrook, a few minutes drive from the house. From here make sure you have Catbrook Gardens on your left then drive a short way along Catbrook towards Broad Campden. Look out for the sign to the Recreation Ground. Take the farm track next to George Lane (there is often a camper van on the corner here) and the entrance to the house is half way up the track on your left, marked by black iron gates. The house is set down a gravel drive with stables and a Dutch barn straight ahead. If you arrive at a farm you've gone too far – please turn around and look out for the black gates on your right. Or if you get to the Scout Hut please turn around and take the first left up the farm track.

From the North: Travel South on the A429. At a large crossroads next to Pine and Things take the right turn signed to Chipping Campden on the B4035. On entering the village proceed along the High Street. Just after passing the market square take a left turn onto Sheep Street, at the Robert Welch shop. Pass the garage then take the first left turn onto Catbrook, signed Broad Campden, Blockley. Pass the Fire Station on your right. Look out for a sign to the Recreation Ground on your left. There is a sharp left turn onto George Lane – just next to this turn left onto a farm track. There is often a camper van on the corner here. Go up the farm track, past a sign saying Private Drive, and half-way down the track turn left at the black iron gates. The house is set down a gravel drive with stables and a Dutch barn straight ahead. If you arrive at a farm you've gone too far – please turn around and look out for the black gates on your right. Or if you get to the Scout Hut please turn around and take the first left up the farm track.

From the South: Travel North on the A429 to Moreton-in-Marsh. Shortly after you enter the town you reach a mini-roundabout. Turn left onto the A44, signed to Evesham. Travel up the hill through Bourton-on-the-Hill. At the top of the hill, opposite the petrol station, turn right signed to Blockley. Drive down the hill and through Blockley, staying on the same road. Shortly after leaving the village take the left hand turn signed to Chipping Campden and Northwick Park. Carry on this road through Broad Campden, towards Chipping Campden. Look out for the Chipping Campden sign. Shortly after this there on your left you will pass a yellow sign for Catbrook House B&B. Just past this turn right up a farm track. The track is next to George Lane, signed Recreation Ground and there is often a camper van on the corner. Go up the farm track, past a sign saying Private Drive, and half-way down the track turn left at the black iron gates. The house is set down a gravel

Things to do

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From the East: Travel West on the A44 to Moreton-in-Marsh. As you come into the town you reach a double mini-roundabout. Turn left at the first mini-roundabout, then right at the second onto the A44, signed to Evesham. Travel up the hill through Bourton-on-the-Hill. At the top of the hill, opposite the petrol station, turn right signed to Blockley. Drive down the hill and through Blockley, staying on the same road. Shortly after leaving the village take the left hand turn signed to Chipping Campden and Northwick Park. Carry on this road through Broad Campden, towards Chipping Campden. Look out for the Chipping Campden sign. Shortly after this on your left you will pass a yellow sign for Catbrook House B&B. Just past this turn right up a farm track. The track is next to George Lane, signed Recreation Ground and there is often a camper van on the corner. Go up the farm track, past a sign saying Private Drive, and half-way down the track turn left at the black iron gates. The house is set down a gravel drive in a dip with stables and a Dutch barn straight ahead. If you arrive at a farm you've gone too far – please turn around and look out for the black gates on your right. Or if you get to the Scout Hut please turn around and take the first left up the farm track.

From the West: Travel East on the A44 towards Moreton-in-Marsh. Shortly after passing Broadway and going up a steep hill take the left turn onto the B4081 signed Chipping Campden. As you come down the hill into the village look out for a thatched house with a shaped hedge just ahead of you on the right. In front of this house take the first right onto Catbrook, signed Broad Campden, Blockley. Pass the Fire Station on your right. Look out for a sign to the Recreation Ground on your left. There is a sharp left turn onto George Lane – just next to this turn left onto a farm track. There is often a camper van on the corner here. Go up the farm track, past a sign saying Private Drive, and half-way down the track turn left at the black iron gates. The house is set down a gravel drive in a dip with stables and a Dutch barn straight ahead. If you arrive at a farm you've gone too far – please turn around and look out for the black gates on your right. Or if you get to the Scout Hut please turn around and take the first left up the farm track.

For help with finding the house on your arrival day please call Jane on 07803 399566.

Cooking & dining - chef services

You'll find our top recommendations below. If you do discover any other gems please do let us know and we will share them with other guests visiting the property.

Catering and Drop-off meal service

Highly recommended by our guests, James Benson is a former Claridge's and Lygon Arms chef who uses fresh, Cotswolds produce. To add an extra special touch to your break, James can be your Chef for a night cooking a three course meal or provide you with superb, ready to go meals or barbecue dishes dropped off for your convenience. If you require James, please book as soon as possible after making your booking. James' website is www.bensonofbroadway.co.uk and he is always happy to discuss your catering needs with you. His phone number is 01684 854406, mobile 07807 453308.

Love Bites

www.lovebites.events

Kelly: 07774 725187

Rachel 07979 690163

indulge@lovebites.events

An excellent catering company that provide adventurous, tasty canapés for any event, be it a small family gathering or birthday party. Contact them soon as they also get booked up quickly.

Local produce that the area is renowned for

As we're sure you're well aware, the Cotswolds is a foodie's paradise: literally everything and anything is grown and raised on these vast, green expanses. The buying and selling of organic foods has long been a tradition within these villages, and the successes of the Cotswolds farmers markets has now led to a national trend in 'localised ethical shopping', a movement spearheaded by the Prince of Wales, who has his own market shop in Tetbury, and firmly believes strong local markets creates a strong local economy and a vibrant society.

Be sure to check our 'Top Places to Visit' section to find some examples of places that produce some of the UK's best food.

Cooking & dining - great places to eat & drink

There are many excellent dining places nearby and we have listed a small sample below. Booking as far in advance as possible is strongly recommended.

Pubs

The Howard Arms, Ilmington

Previous Dining Pub of the Year winner with a lovely pub garden. www.howardarms.com

The Horse and Groom, Bourton-on-the-Hill

Run by the sons of the owners of the Howard Arms www.horseandgroom.info

The Kings

Chipping Campden www.kingscampden.co.uk

The Noel Arms

Chipping Campden www.noelarmshotel.com

The Churchill Arms

Paxford www.thechurchillarms.com

The Lygon Arms Hotel

Chipping Campden www.lygonarms.co.uk

Restaurants

Russells of Broadway

A Remy Martin Award Winner www.russellsfbroadway.co.uk

Michael's Mediterranean Restaurant

www.michaelsmediterranean.co.uk

The Cotswolds House Hotel, Chipping Campden

www.cotswoldhouse.com

Best places to eat out with children

Moreton-in-Marsh

Pop into Ask Pizza for a quick meal or visit Tillys for tea, cakes and light lunches. The Cotswold Cheese Shop serves a good selection of delicatessen food for picnics.

The Ebrington Arms, Ebrington

Less than 15 minutes drive away is a friendly pub with a pub garden serving fresh, local food. There is a separate dining room suitable for around 20 people – please phone to book. Tel (01386 593223)

Cooking & dining - shopping for food

Local supermarket

Co-op, Chipping Campden or Warner Budgens, Moreton-in-Marsh, on the right as you leave the town heading North towards Stratford upon Avon. Great quality food with lots of local produce.

Butchers

R L Smith, Chipping Campden

Greengrocers

Drinkwaters, Chipping Campden

Bakers

Le Petit Croissant, Chipping Campden

Organic/local produce

Taste of the Country, Shipston on Stour

The Cotswold Traiteur in Moreton-in-Marsh for delicious gourmet take-home meals
www.cotswoldtraiteur.com

Daylesford, near Kingham (the largest, smartest organic shop in the country!)
www.daylesfordorganic.com

Wine merchant

Bennetts, Chipping Campden www.bennettsfinewines.com

The Bay Tree, Chipping Campden www.thebaytreeatcampden.com

Home delivery

Tesco – www.tesco.com

Ocado - www.ocado.com. If using Ocado please enter Meadowbank House in the instructions box. The postcode is GL55 6DF.

Things to do - activities and pampering

Our top recommendations for activities and pampering are below.

Quad bikes

The nearest site is about 40 minutes away in Warwickshire at Adventure Sports and worth the trip for quads and full on action with 4x4 off roading, argocats and much more

Clay pigeon shooting and other Country Pursuits

Visit Rob Ireland Country Pursuits for an exciting range of country pursuits. From a couple of hours of clay pigeon shooting or archery to a whole day of activities, you can design your own day. Rob's website is www.robireland.co.uk and his phone number is 07860 783013.

Horse riding

For horseriding there is The Vine Stables, near Broadway offering hacks and lessons for individuals or groups. Their telephone number is 01386 584250 and the website is www.broadway-cotswolds.co.uk.

Adventure sports

Paintballing is held in a wood nearby. Visit www.cotswoldquads.co.uk for details or phone 07836 657397. There's also information on the website about country pursuits – which are provided by Rob Ireland (see above).

Photography

Make the most of being together with a photography session at your Cotswolds country house from James Crockford, a fantastic photographer who will come to your holiday house to take photos of family and friends. Follow the link below to see some lovely examples of James' photography at our Cotswolds houses. <http://jamescrockford.com/portraits/bigcottage/>

Pampering

If you would like some pampering in the comfort of your holiday house Kerry Belinda heads a team of mobile beauty therapists, based in nearby Moreton-in-Marsh. Kerry offers a full range of beauty treatments, in either full sessions, or mini-treatments for large groups. Kerry's website is www.cotswoldweddingbelles.co.uk, tel 07768 768208.

Wine Tasting

Sheldon's Wine Cellars, part of the award winning Bennetts Fine Wines company of Chipping Campden, offer private wine tastings in the comfort of your holiday house. The event can be as formal or informal as you require and can match wines to a meal being served or can be a wine tasting challenge for those who want to test themselves! Starting at around £25 per head for everyday wines with a minimum of eight guests. Or step back in time with a private wine cellar tour and tasting at Sheldon's 19th century cellars in Shipston-on-Stour. Phone 01608 661409 or visit www.bennettsfinewines.com.

Top things to do with children

There are many great places to go out with children in the Cotswolds and we've listed our top recommendations below. There is lots to see at many of these places so be prepared for a long day out!

Chipping Campden Recreation Ground

On your doorstep, just past the Scout Hut, a lovely recreation ground appealing to a wide age range.

Cotswold Wildlife Park, Burford. Open every day except Christmas Day. 01993 823006

Fantastic parkland setting with a train ride through the grounds in peak season, an adventure playground, café and of course lions, zebras, hippos, penguins, fruit bats and monkeys to name just a few of the animals.

www.cotswoldwildlifepark.co.uk

Batsford Arboretum and the Falconry Centre

Bourton-on-the-Hill. Next door to each other, the Batsford Arboretum has some lovely woodland walks and is spectacular in the Spring and Autumn. There is also a great café with wonderful views, delicious homemade cakes and a garden centre. At the Falconry Centre you can watch exciting displays of falconry,

www.cotswold-falconry.co.uk.

www.batsarb.co.uk

Cotswold Farm Park

Near Guiting Power. Open March – September. 01451 850307

Especially for younger children, a great place to feed the animals, ride on a tractor and learn about rare breeds.

www.cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk

Warwick Castle

Open all year. Info 0870 442 2000/ booking 0870 442 2371

Definitely a whole day out. Arrive early to avoid ticket queues. Jousting, archery, falconry, medieval displays and mighty trebuchet catapult throughout the Summer. Ice rink in December.

www.warwick-castle.com

Moreton-in-Marsh

For a quick trip out there is a lovely playground opposite Warner Budgens in Moreton-in-Marsh suitable for younger children. Pop into Ask Pizza for a quick meal or visit Tilly's for tea and cakes.

Stratford-upon-Avon

Apart from all the connections with Shakespeare, Stratford is a great place for picnics, boating and shopping. You can park at the Butterfly Farm Car Park (follow directions to the Butterfly Farm as soon as you enter Stratford). There are always boats to hire or boat trips in the summer and the Butterfly Farm is worth a visit – great for a rainy day as it's warm and dry inside! 01789 299288

www.butterflyfarm.co.uk

Hidcote Manor Gardens.

Open March to September. One of the most visited National Trust gardens in the UK, Hidcote is a beautiful place and fun for children as there are lots of garden "rooms" and grounds to run around in.

Top things to do with Children

Bourton-on-the Water

Touristy but very pretty with the stream running through and lots to do for children including:

Birdland Park and Gardens – open all year: www.birdland.co.uk/

Miniature Village

Cotswolds Motor Museum with the TV character Brum. www.cotswold-motor-museum.co.uk

Miniature Railway exhibit within the Toy Shop on the main High Street

Sudeley Castle, Winchcombe

Explore the castle, the gardens and the big fort in the adventure playground. The wooden fort is full of hidey-holes and towers. Closed in the Winter months.

www.sudeleycastle.co.uk

Corinium Museum, Cirencester.

Fascinating museum about the Romans. Holds holiday events.

www.coriniummuseum.co.uk

Woodstock and Blenheim Palace

A little further afield (about 40 minutes) but a great day out. As well as the Palace there is an adventure playground, butterfly farm and miniature train. Check for limited opening hours in the Winter months.. In Woodstock there are lots of shops to explore and there is the local Oxfordshire museum on the High Street - worth a quick visit and enjoy a coffee and cake in the airy glass-fronted café.

www.blenheimpalace.com Tel (08700 60 20 80)

Heritage Motor Centre and Museum

Located in Gaydon. Open all year. Perfect for car enthusiasts and older children. Outdoor activities in peak periods include Land Rover 4x4 driving, Go Karting and Miniature Roadway.. Open all year apart from Christmas week.

www.heritage-motor-centre.co.uk Tel (01926 641188)

Top places to visit & shop nearby

Chipping Campden

Wide selection of tea shops, restaurants, pubs and shops. The Cotswolds House Hotel has Hicks on the Terrace – enjoy a drink, cake or lunch on the terrace and enjoy the gardens designed by Paul Williams, a leading local garden designer.

Moreton-in-Marsh

There is a good Warner Budgens, selling very good quality food with lots of local produce and Tesco Express (open until 11pm) for your basic shopping needs.

The Cotswold Cheese Shop, voted Britain's Best New Deli, sells a wide variety of bread and delicatessen food and Tillys is good for bread, cakes and quiches.

Stow-on-the-Wold

There are many good restaurants, pubs and cafes in Stow-on-the-Wold. You can park in the town square and wander around the interesting range of shops.

Farmers' Markets

Farmers' markets are held throughout the year at different venues in the Cotswolds. For more information on this and other events in the area visit www.cotswolds.com.

Useful information

Meadowbank at a glance

Bedrooms and Bathrooms

- Sleeps up to 16 guests
- Six bedrooms in total
- Bedroom 1: King sized zip and link bed with ensuite
- Bedroom 2: King sized bed with a single bed and ensuite
- Bedroom 3: King sized bed
- Bedroom 4: King sized zip and link bed and two single beds
- Bedroom 5: Kingsized bed
- Bedroom 6: Kingsize zip and link bed with a single bed and ensuite
- Three bedrooms have ensuite bathrooms, there is also an additional family bathroom
- Downstairs WC

Cooking and Dining

- Large kitchen with island/breakfast bar
- Large dining room with a dining table which seats 16 comfortably
- Gas BBQ
- Two highchairs available
- Fantastic chef available for a special meal or throughout the weekend
- Drop-off meals available
- Range cooker
- Outdoor table and chairs on patio
- Fantastic dining within walking distance
- Online deliveries

Where We Are

- The postcode is GL55 6DF
- The nearest town is Chipping Campden
- The nearest train station is Honeybourne, six miles away and a 13 minute drive
- The nearest airport is Birmingham International
- Taxis are available
- Plenty of parking

Things to Do Inside

- Large TV
- Sky TV
- DVD player
- Wi-Fi

Things to Do Outside

- Hot tub
- Outdoor heated pool (open May to September)
- Patio area with seating

Useful information

Activities

- Country pursuits available nearby, including clay pigeon shooting and archery
- Bike hire
- Balloon trips
- Paintballing
- Pampering and beauty treatments at the house

Top Things to Do for Children

- Cotswold Farm Park
- Cotswold Wildlife Park
- Visit Bourton-on-the-Water Model Railway, Model Village and Birdland Park and Gardens
- Sudeley Castle
- The Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway
- Batsford Arboretum

Payment Process

- We take a one third deposit at the time of booking
- The balance is due three months before the date booked

Cautionary Deposit

- £750

House Restrictions

- Strict noise policy in place
- No fireworks please
- Dogs welcome (£50 per dog)

Arrival and Departure

- Check in 4pm
- Check out 4pm on Sunday
- Check out 10am on other days

What's Included

- Linen
- Two travel cots
- Towels
- Welcome Hamper
- Handwash and shower gel
- Essentials
- Utilities
- Please bring your own swimming towels
- Extra housekeeping available on request

Guest reviews

We are so pleased with the feedback our guests give about Meadowbank.

"We have had the most wonderful week at Meadowbank. We loved the house, the stunning setting and exploring Chipping Campden and the Cotswolds - it is all so beautiful". *Amelia*

"We had a fantastic weekend at Meadowbank House. It is in a beautiful position and is so well equipped and comfortable." *Sue*

"I just wanted to say thank you for all your help with the cottage - it's absolutely gorgeous and we all had a brilliant weekend." *Nicola*

"Thank you very much - we had a fantastic weekend at Meadowbank. We do hope to return maybe later in the year for a family gathering...so I will be in touch!" *Sophie*

"Meadowbank House was amazing! We will definitely use you again for a weekend away." *Michelle*

"Our weekend at Meadowbank House was superb, many thanks for it! Will definitely be looking to use you guys next year". *Neesh*

"We had a lovely stay at Meadowbank - the house was great". *Sarah*

"We had a really good weekend at Meadowbank and Alison was really helpful when we arrived." *Julia*

"Can I just say what an amazing weekend we had. The house was better than we could have hoped for; all the girls were so impressed with the house. You have been great and helped me no end to find the perfect place for my sister's special weekend. I will definitely recommend you to everyone I speak to, and no doubt will use your company again. Thanks" *Amy*