

Min-y-Don

CHRISTIAN ADVENTURE CENTRE

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adventure & excitement - rest & relaxation



Information for Schools

Located on the southern edge of the Snowdonia National Park on the shores of the Mawddach Estuary and set against the spectacular backdrop of the Cadair Mountain Range, Min-y-Don provides a unique setting for residential outdoor activity breaks for schools.

The Centre stands in 13 acres of gardens and woodland and opened in 1961 as one of the first Christian outdoor centres. It can accommodate a maximum of 55 people, sleeping in multi-bed dormitories or twin rooms. A number of en-suite single and twin rooms are also available.



**ALL
activities
based
on-site!**



Programme

Programmes and instruction for schools holidays are organised by Centre Managers, Pete and Susie Cook, both of whom have years of experience in the worlds of teaching and outdoor pursuits.

Min-y-Don makes life easier for teachers as the children are organised throughout the entire stay by the Min-y-Don team. Programmes are devised by qualified teachers with both primary and secondary teaching experience and are based around your needs and objectives for your pupils.

As you usually don't have to share the Centre with other schools we can 'tailor-make' the programme to suit your needs completely. You can have an activity-based holiday, focus on environmental studies and visits or have a blend of everything – we work with you to arrange the content of the week.

We will liaise with you regarding the content of the visit and send a provisional programme through to you for approval.

As for costs, we believe we offer a very competitive price, with a range of tariffs from Monday to Friday stays to daily rates and prices for accommodation-only groups. All prices on request.

Accommodation

We are an outdoor centre that also arranges family holidays so our accommodation is of a high standard. En-suite private rooms for teachers and warm and comfortable dormitory rooms for children.



FREE
overnight
inspection visit
for 2 teachers
CALL FOR DETAILS!

How about a day or half-day out?

The seaside town of **Barmouth** is an easy walk from Min-y-Don, across Barmouth Bridge and into the town to visit the shops or down to the beach for fun and games. For geography studies, comparisons between Barmouth and your home town can be carried out. We'll even send our staff to help you.



The Centre For Alternative Technology (20 miles) has a unique Visitor Centre which aims to inspire, inform and enable people to explore new ways of living that help protect our environment (www.cat.org.uk).

King Arthur's Labyrinth (17 miles) – explore the legend of King Arthur in a labyrinth of tunnels and caverns deep under the mountains in the heart of the Welsh Countryside (www.kingarthurslabyrinth.co.uk).

Electric Mountain Llanberis (47 miles) – discover the amazing powers of hydro-electricity at First Hydro's Electric Mountain Visitors Centre (www.fhc.co.uk/electric_mountain.htm).

Activities

We offer a great selection of outdoor activities to suit all ages and abilities and they are all based on-site, so no wasting time in minibuses and everyone remains within easy reach of the main building.



Activities include:

kayaking, canoeing,
rock climbing, abseiling,
archery, orienteering,
aerial runway, hill walks,
high & low ropes courses,
trail cycling, raft building
treasure hunts,
team building games
and much more!



For more information try www.visitwales.com and click on the regional areas link to go to West Wales

Llechwedd Slate Caverns at Blaenau Ffestiniog (29 miles) is a winner of all the top tourism awards (www.llechwedd-slate-caverns.co.uk).

Fairbourne Steam Railway (3 miles) dates back to 1895 (www.fairbournerrailway.com).

Tallyllyn Steam Railway (14 miles) is a narrow gauge railway built in 1865 – the first in the world to be run by a Preservation Society. Travels from Tywyn past the Dolgoch Falls to Nant Gwernol and return (www.tallyllyn.co.uk).



There are many more local attractions that would interest schools and we can arrange many excursions or half-day trips on your behalf – just enquire and we'll send you the details.

How to book

If you are interested in a visit to Min-y-Don then don't forget that two teachers or governors from any one school can stay at Min-y-Don for a night's B&B absolutely free, at a mutually agreeable date. We'll show you round and chat through any questions you might have.

If you are interested in booking your school into Min-y-Don please get in touch first to check availability. Our contact details are below.

Once dates for your visit have been arranged then simply complete the enclosed booking form and send this to us. Even if you only have an approximate number for pupils attending you can send the form in anyway.

We will write back to confirm your booking and send you all the things you need to help arrange the stay. These include:

- **Activity Planner** – so that you can choose the content of your week i.e. which activities you wish to have included and any days out or excursions you might like us to arrange for you.
- **Information Sheet For Teachers** – all the details you require concerning; arrival times, meals, bedding etc.
- **Map** – so you can find us easily!
- **Kit List** – showing the pupils what to bring with them.
- **Parental Consent Form** – which you can use if you're not using your own school's version.
- **Accommodation Planner** – to make it easy to organise the pupils into their bedrooms.

Deposits are usually required within three months of sending in your form. Exact numbers of pupils attending are needed 12 weeks before holiday commences.

Any questions? Phone or email us and we'll be there to help you!

Health & Safety

Health & Safety is first and foremost in our planning for any group here at Min-y-Don. We have AALS Approved Risk-Assessments & Activity Procedures that are supplied to schools for you to keep on record. Parents of children visiting Min-y-Don may view these at your school if requested.

Local Education Authorities require documentation of risk-assessment, procedures, instructor qualifications and insurance cover, Min-y-Don can provide your LEA with all this information on request.

Min-y-Don has continually been updated, modernised and extended and meets all safety, fire and health regulation requirements.

Min-y-Don Christian Adventure Centre is a Government Registered Activity Provider and is registered with The Adventure Activities Licensing Service as licensed to provide specified activities under the following headings: Kayaking, Canoeing, Rock Climbing, Mountain Walking and Abseiling. Licence details can be confirmed by calling The Licensing Service on 02920 755715.



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