



Escape to the Wye Valley and Forest of Dean this Summer

-There's still availability in the Wye Valley and Forest of Dean this summer for a staycation in rural cottages, vintage vans, yurts and lodges-



You don't have to travel a million miles away to find a brilliant family summer getaway this year. The Forest of Dean and Wye Valley has a wide range of accommodation ideas for those after a summer staycation with a wealth of activities nearby. From country farm stays and vintage caravanning to glamping in yurts and cosy forest boltholes, there's something to suit everyone this summer, with prices starting from just £410 for a 4-night glamping break. For more information visit www.wyedeantourism.co.uk.

Brand New and Perfect for Groups- [Welsh Marches Cottages](#) in Monmouthshire

Set on a working farm in rural Monmouthshire, these recently renovated holiday cottages (sleeping 2-8) can be booked individually or together and are the ideal place for friends and family to get together. The extensive living areas provide uninterrupted views of the Glyn Valley, and plenty of space for families or groups to relax, cook and eat around the huge bespoke table. The three cottages are close to rock climbing, caving and canoeing facilities in the Wye Valley, and are at the heart of a network of walking and cycling paths. Plus, the owner is a qualified shiatsu practitioner and an expert in guided walking.

There's still availability in August. Prices for a 7-night stay in The Sugar Loaf (sleeps 8) in August start from £1270 (£159pp) based on a family of four sharing on a self-catering basis. Prices for a 7-night stay in all three cottages (sleeping 12 in total) in August start from £2810 (£234pp) on a self-catering basis. Book via www.welshmarches.co.uk or call 07850 758201.

Stylish Cottages with Views- [Wharton Lodge](#) in Weston-under-Penyard, Herefordshire

Surrounded by rural parkland and gardens, these three comfortable self-catering cottages (that sleep 2-4) each has individual charm and provide the ideal rural retreat for a summer holiday. Each has a fully-fitted kitchen, light and airy bedrooms plus their own courtyard garden and there's an extensive list of things to do nearby; from canoeing to cycling, golfing to fishing, and lots of local walks from your doorstep through the beautiful rolling landscape.

There's still availability in August. Prices for a 7-night stay in Harwood Cottage in August start from £895 (£224pp) based on four sharing on a self-catering basis. Book via www.whartonlodge.co.uk or call 01989 750140.

Enchanted Stay in a Famous Forest- [Puzzlewood Cottages](#) in Coleford, Gloucestershire

These three cosy cottages (sleeping 4-8) feature open plan living spaces, exposed beams and are kitted out with a selection of games and films, perfect for relaxing after a busy day exploring the Forest of Dean. Located within the grounds of Puzzlewood, a stay at one of these cottages allows guests easy access during the day to the ancient pathways that have been walked by Jedi and Sith Lords, where Doctor Who was haunted by weeping angels, and where Merlin sought out dragons. There are also a variety of experiences on offer at Puzzlewood including the increasingly popular mindfulness technique endorsed by Kate Middleton; Forest Bathing, as well as bushcraft and photography workshops.

There's still availability in July and August. Prices for a 7-night stay in Puzzlewood Cottage in July and August start from £659 (£165pp) based on four sharing on a self-catering basis. Book via www.puzzlewood.net or call 01594 833187.

Cosy Forest Boltholes- [The Old Dairy Cottages](#) in Mitcheldean, Gloucestershire

The Old Dairy Cottages are in the heart of the Forest of Dean, less than a mile from the small town of Mitcheldean. The cottages both sleep two and feature an open plan living space, stylish kitchens, beamed ceilings and a sunny patio. The cottages have country walks right from the doorstep, and a quick 20-minute drive to fun attractions such as Puzzlewood, the Sculpture Trail and Cannop Ponds - great for walks and cycling trails.

There's still availability in August. Prices for a 7-night stay in Cottage Two in August from £1060 (£530pp) based on two sharing on a self-catering basis. Book via olddairycottage.com or call 01594 781779.

A Snapshot of Life on Kate Humble's Farm- [Humble by Nature](#) in Penallt, Nr Monmouth

Wake up right in the heart of Kate Humble's 'Humble by Nature' farm when you stay at The Hayloft. Walk up the original stone steps of the 18th Century barn to the studio, and admire the beautiful views across the fields. This bright and airy apartment sleeps 2, and has room to add a travel cot. Bring your wellies to spend a morning helping Farmer Tim feed the animals and young farmers will love to play on the pedal tractor. Enjoy al fresco meals in the garden whilst watching the lambs, or if you don't feel like cooking, visit The Pig and Apple cafe on the farm, serving fresh coffee and delicious locally sourced food.

For a more secluded stay on the farm there is The Humble Hideaway shephard's hut which sleeps 2 and is only accessible by 4x4 or on foot as it's hidden away in a wooded glade. The hut is totally off grid with solar powered lights, a gas powered shower and composting loo.

There is still availability this summer. Prices for a 7-night stay in The Hayloft this summer start from £600 (£300pp) based on two sharing on a self-catering basis. Book now via www.humblebynature.com or call 01600 714595.

Peaceful Glamping Hideaway- [Hidden Valley Yurts](#) in Chepstow, Monmouthshire

Enjoy having nature right on your doorstep, without having to pitch a tent and with all the comforts of home. Hidden away from the outside world alongside a small stream with views of the Welsh hills, each yurt is styled with comfort and luxury in mind; king-sized

beds, lots of blankets and a wood burning stove for chilly evenings. Spend days exploring Monmouth, Tintern, Raglan and Chepstow. There's 80 acres of land to explore, paths to walk, hills to climb and lots to see and do.

There's still availability in July and August. Prices for a 7-night stay in Yurt 4 in July and August start from £950 (£238pp) based on a family of four sharing on a self-catering basis. Book via www.hiddenvalleyyurts.co.uk or call 01600 860723.

Midweek Vintage Van Break- [Mad Dogs & Vintage Vans](http://www.maddogsandvintagevans.co.uk) in Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire

In a wildflower meadow within the Wye Valley rests 4 vintage vans that have been lovingly converted into bespoke glamping hideaways, each with its own quirks. Including "Monty", a military wagon harking back to the Second World War, which is perfect for a family of 5 and is kitted out like a log cabin with a cosy wood burner and large private decking area to enjoy the spectacular sunsets. Cooking over the open fire is encouraged at the firepit, although each van does have its own BBQ and small stove. Just a short walk down the farm track is the river Wye, where it is often shallow enough to paddle in or skim stones. Further down the river it is possible to hire out canoes and take to the water to view this AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) from a different perspective.

Plenty of availability throughout the summer months for midweek breaks. Prices for a 4-night stay in Gertie this summer start from £410 (£102.50pp) based on a family of four sharing on a self-catering basis. Book now via www.maddogsandvintagevans.co.uk or call 07854 499188.

For more information please go to www.wyedeantourism.co.uk

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The Wye Valley & Forest of Dean Tourism is the destination management organisation for the "Dean Wye". The area covers the three counties of Gloucestershire, Monmouthshire and Herefordshire and is the only cross border tourism association in the UK working with both tourism businesses and stakeholders in Wales and England.