

# Berry Wood Barn

Region: Brecon Beacons Sleeps: 11

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## Overview

Nestled quietly on the natural border between England and Wales, Berry Wood Barn offers beautifully finished accommodation for eleven very lucky guests. This superb property has been featured in Vogue and Conde Nast Traveller and it is easy to see why. Two beautiful ancient barns have been stylishly connected to create a luxurious holiday home which sits in the most fantastic position with heart-stopping panoramic views. Berry Wood Barn is located deep in the countryside, 2.8 km from Llanvihangel Crucorney and 10 km from the delightful Abergavenny with its castle, shops and restaurants. Blissfully remote, guests enjoy fresh air, incredible hikes and cycle rides from the back door, the most stunning scenery and extremely comfortable accommodation. The barn sits within a spectacular landscape sprinkled with Norman castles and charming villages. The astonishing Offa's Dyke National Trail sits just up the hill and the ancient Grosmonth, Skenfrith and White castles are all within easy reach. Guests can enjoy the dramatic Black Mountains by horseback or kayak through the Wye Valley. Within thirty minutes, guests can visit Mappa Mundi, Hay on Wye and the beautiful Cathedral cities of Hereford and Brecon. Foodies are in for a treat with the Michelin starred Walnut Tree Inn and The Hardwick Restaurant with its Michelin starred chef Stephen Terry just a few miles away. The entertainment possibilities when staying at Berry Wood Barn are endless.

This five star luxurious home is set within gorgeous three and a half acres of private grounds where you can relax, enjoy the sunshine, watch the sun go down with a glass of your favourite tippie and dine alfresco enjoying the panorama. Children can play happily as the garden comes complete with trampoline, swing ball and sledges for the winter months.

Berry Wood Barn offers fantastic living space, six gorgeous bedrooms and three bathrooms. You will quickly see that this is a much loved home with charming family paintings and photographs scattered around. You will feel extremely welcome and know that this is a happy house with magical memories. With the two barns being connected some of the rooms are on slightly different levels. From the front door, a stone stairway leads to a cosy den with a television, DVD player and Sky sports channels, the perfect spot for children to chill out after a long afternoon walking in the Black Mountains. Just a few steps up from this gorgeous, beautifully furnished space is the drawing room with its shelves full of books, its roaring open fire on chilly days and its numerous armchairs and its comfy sofa. It is a delightful room with cheery



upholstery, just like the floral fabrics of the snug. The open plan country kitchen and dining room is just a few steps down from the drawing room together with a fabulous conservatory. The dining area offers a lovely French vintage table and chairs seating the whole group, an impressive oversized mirror and doors which open to the terrace and garden. The kitchen boasts a Lacanche electric range cooker, butler's sink and other excellent appliances for your self catering stay. It is such a sociable room with guests easily being able to keep the chefs in the group company. Just outside is a beautiful oak table and gorgeous rattan chairs together with a barbecue for alfresco dining. The conservatory is just fabulous. With wallpaper and fabrics inspired by nature, this living space makes you smile and feel like you are in the garden. The sumptuous corner sofa is adorned with brightly coloured scattered cushions, sitting in front of a log burning stove. It is such a lovely bright spot all year round.

The barn offers six bedrooms, all beautifully finished. Two double bedrooms are located on one side of the property with doors opening to the garden. They both offer flexible sleeping arrangements with super king-size beds which can be converted to twins. Guests staying in these two rooms have use of a stunning bathroom with a roll top bath and a shower. On the next level, the master bedroom sits in all its finery with its lavish super king-size bed and ensuite bathroom. Like all of the beds, the master is dressed with crisp cottons and gorgeous soft furnishings. Adjoining the master is a delightful single bedroom ideal for a child. The walls are decorated with cute artwork and memories. A further flight of stairs leads to the final two bedrooms, both enjoying charming sloping ceilings and superbly comfy super king-size beds which can be converted to twins. Here there is another beautiful family bathroom with another roll top bath and separate shower. Every room enjoys a fabulous colour scheme, handmade curtains or blinds, one-of-a-kind handpicked vintage furnishings and beautiful paintings, all in keeping with this stunning rural setting.

Berry Wood Barn is simply gorgeous. This Monmouthshire country retreat may not have the best internet, the mobile signal may be patchy, you may well get a little muddy outside when it is wet, it may not have the most powerful of showers and you do need to drive up a long, bumpy and sometimes muddy track to get to it but this house has a heart and you will definitely want to return.

## Facilities

Barn • Modern • **Recommended** • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • Outdoor Games • Table Tennis • DVD • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

# Interior & Grounds

## Ground Floor

- Cosy den with TV
- Drawing room with open fire, elegant furniture and French windows that open onto the courtyard
- Fully-equipped kitchen with Lacanche electric range with 2 ovens and 5 rings on the hob, fridge, freezer (in the courtyard) and microwave available. There is massive French dining table and chairs with plenty of space for twelve guests and two sets of French doors that open onto the courtyard.
- Sitting room with glass roof, huge U-shaped sofa and wood burning stove (new for March 2020)
- Cloakroom

## First Floor

- Bedroom with super-king bed (*can be set up with twins on request at the time of booking*)
- Bedroom with super-king-bed (*can be set up with twins on request at the time of booking*)
- Family bathroom with rolltop bath and shower

## Second Floor

- Master bedroom with super-king bed, en-suite bathroom and French doors leading to a private terrace
- Bedroom with single bed (with adjoining door to the master bedroom)

## A further flight of stairs leads to:

- Bedroom with super-king bed (*can be set up with twins on request at the time of booking*)
- Bedroom with super king bed (*can be set up with twins on request at the time of booking*)
- Family bathroom with roll top bath and separate shower

## Exterior Grounds

- Large 3.5 acre grounds
- Terrace
- Barbecue and garden furniture available in the summer months
- Table tennis
- Trampoline & swing ball

## Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi (sometimes patchy due to the rural location!)
- TV
- Travel cot & highchair available on request
- Parking



*\* Please note that due to the age of the home, there are many internal steps within the property.*

## Location & Local Information

Berry Wood Barn enjoys an incredible rural position with spectacular views of the Black Mountains and the surrounding rolling hills. It sits on the border between England and Wales, perched high on the Hatterall Ridge in the Brecon Beacons National Park. The barn sits close to Abergavenny and the famous Offa's Dyke. Guests enjoy walking and mountain bike trails from the barn and can be in the Cathedral cities of Brecon and Hereford within thirty minutes. The Llanthony valley where the barn is positioned is just glorious. You can stand at the kitchen window looking towards the valley sweeping away towards Hay on Wye.

In the shadow of Sugar Loaf Mountain, Abergavenny is a wonderful blend of old and new. With fresh mountain air and the beautiful scenery of the Usk valley, it offers an excellent range of shops, restaurants and cafes, a museum, a ruined Norman castle, a colourful market, all with a dramatic backdrop. This south east corner of the Brecon Beacons National Park is a fabulous base for walking, cycling and enjoying the great outdoors. Its annual Abergavenny Food Festival is fantastic. This market town boasts a rich history and heritage. Visitors enjoy exploring the area's castles, medieval mansions, Roman remains and standing stones. The Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal is on the doorstep and the Blaenavon World Heritage and Big Pit Mine are just up the road. The Abergavenny Museum is set within the grounds of the castle, an ideal spot for a picnic or a walk. The museum building was formerly a hunting lodge built by the Marquess of Abergavenny.

The area is certainly fit for foodies. Visitors enjoy the very best of Welsh cuisine at the superb, Michelin starred Walnut Tree Inn and The Hardwick Restaurant. There are many other fantastic restaurants and gastropubs including The Bell at Skenfrith or The Skirrid Inn. Guests staying at Berry Wood Farm can take a walk down the hill to The Queen's Head, another delight.

Horse lovers can enjoy treks through the mountains and the Llanthony Valley. There are a number of good pony trekking centres including one at Llanthony Abbey where you can book a half day or full day ride. History fans can tour the castles including Grosmont, Skenfrith and White Castles. Raglan Castle, once home to a young Henry VII is very close to the barn.

Another Welsh treasure is Dan-Yr-Ogof, the award-winning National Showcaves Centre for Wales. Visitors can explore the twisting passageways, the great caverns and underground waterfalls, coming face-to-face with over 250 life-sized dinosaur models. It is a wonderful family day out that can be combined with the Shire Horse Centre and Farm.



Other popular excursions including kayaking and canoeing in the rivers, shooting, hang gliding and bird watching. If you fancy a day by the sea, you can head to the beautiful Swansea Bay coastline and the Gower Peninsula with its gorgeous coves and glorious stretches of fine sand. The Victorian seaside village of Mumbles with its promenade, shops and restaurants is worth a visit. Mumbles was one of Dylan Thomas' many stamping grounds and is the home of some world class ice cream. Mumbles is steeped in history with its lighthouse being built in 1794. It also boasts a Victorian pier and Oystermouth Castle which sits on the hilltop overlooking the sea. There are lovely boutique shops and galleries including the gorgeous Lovespoon Gallery and the Gower Gallery. No visit to Mumbles would be complete without sampling some 'fresh off the boat' seafood, its handmade chocolates and its fantastic ice creams.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Bristol Airport (80.8 km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Llanvihangel Crucorney (2.8 km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Walnut Tree Inn (11.8 km)</b>
Nearest Bar/Pub	<b>Queen's Head (1.9 km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Waitrose (10.4 km)</b>
Nearest Train Station	<b>Abergavenny (10.4 km)</b>

## What we love

- Berry Wood Barn is beautifully presented with gorgeous furniture, beautiful fabrics and delightful colour schemes. It is a wonderful blend of old meets new and guests can relax in superb, luxurious comfort
- The location is superb with glorious views of the Black Mountains and spectacular walking and mountain bike trails through the hills and across Offa's Dyke
- The area is a foodie haven with an outstanding selection of Welsh restaurants on the doorstep including the Michelin starred Walnut Tree Inn

## What you should know...

- The barn offers some flexible sleeping arrangements. Some of the beds can be made up as super kingsize beds or twins. Please let us know in advance if you have a preference
- The Wi-Fi and mobile signal in the house can be patchy
- You arrive at the barn having driven along a long track through two fields. This can be muddy when very wet and there may be quite a lot of sheep to welcome you. Don't be afraid to sound the horn and make sure you pack your wellies should it be wet!
- With regret, please do not bring your pets to Berry Wood Barn and please do not book the barn for hen and stag parties
- The barn is a much loved family home and, as such, there are family photographs and drawings around



# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: £500. To be paid on arrival and will be refunded in full after departure subject to damage inspection
- Arrival time: 4.00 pm
- Departure time: 10.00 am
- Energy costs included?: Yes, included in the rental price
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, included in the rental price
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes. However, guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival.
- Internet access?: Yes, Wi-Fi is included in the rental price. Please note that this is a rural connection and so it may be patchy in places.
- Changeover day: Friday
- Minimum stay: Please note that there is a 3-night minimum stay, this may be increased to 7-nights across peak dates
- Pets welcome?: No pets allowed at this property
- Smoking Allowed?: Smoking & Vaping are not permitted
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, personal belongings and any accidental damage caused during their stay
- Other Ts and Cs: Please note that use of the trampoline is at guests own risk and the owners cannot take responsibility for any trampoline related accidents. Small children should not be left unsupervised and only a small & sensible number of children should use at any one time. The trampoline should not be used in high wind/ electrical storms or wet/icy conditions
- Stag & Hen Do's Allowed? : This is a family home. Please note that no single sex, stag or hen groups are allowed at the property. The property owner reserves the right to cancel the booking and retain the security deposit if guests do not comply on arrival
- Please note that the lead booker must be 30 years+