

Cornel Scout Centre Essential Information

CONTENTS



SAFETY

BOOKINGS

IMPORTANT THINGS TO BRING



GETTING TO SITE

WHAT TO DO

USING CORNEL



LEAVING CORNEL

Cornel Scout Centre

Essential Information

Safety

Whilst the Centre is managed to Scout Association requirements, you **MUST** complete your own Risk Assessments for the use of the Centre and for your activities.

When there are several groups on site, please liaise with each other so you can all enjoy the Centre in safety.



You must provide First Aid kits for your party; we do not provide them for guests.

Accidents, Incidents and Near Misses should be reported using the QR codes found on site, so we can learn any lessons from them. Your organisation's procedures should also be followed.

Ensure everyone is familiar with the procedures to follow in the event of any incident or emergency. Instructions on what to do in the case of Fire and Gas emergencies are displayed in the buildings.



Always open the window shutters when you arrive at Cornel.

Cornel Scout Centre

Essential Information

Safety

Brief your party on:

- fire risks and precautions and actions to take in the event of a fire and/or fire alarm,
- evacuation routes and the location of the Assembly Point,
- operation of fire alarm points, summoning and meeting the Fire & Rescue Service.



Know the location and use of fire extinguishers and nominate those who would use them.

Make suitable arrangements to ensure buildings have been evacuated when required. Pay particular attention to the management of young people and those with additional needs. You may need to nominate members of your party to assist in the evacuation of any disabled guests. You should practice evacuation, where suitable for your stay.



Avoid creating fire risks whilst cooking and when using your own electrical equipment.

Cornel Scout Centre

Essential Information

Safety



Ensure any electrical trailing leads do not cause trip hazards, are not overloaded and are safe and fit for purpose.

Good housekeeping will reduce the risk of fire and ensure evacuation routes are clear.



Cornel can be subject to extremes of weather which can be very different to the general forecast. You should get a Mountain weather forecast for the area to help your planning.

Do not allow smoking in the buildings.



Familiarise yourself with our Emergency Procedures - published on the website. This includes details on planned incident management, and details for medical facilities and processes.

Cornel Scout Centre

Essential Information

Bookings

Cornel is available to Scouts, Guides, youth groups, schools/education organisations and companies.

It is not available for private bookings, nor are we allowed to have caravans, trailer tents or motorhomes.

The Camping field is available between Easter and end of September each year. The complete Centre is closed over the Christmas & New Year holiday period.

Each bookable item has an Infosheet on the website to help plan your stay.

All bookings are handled through OSM Venue Booking System

Your invoice will be automatically sent from OSM Venue Booking System. We charge a 50% deposit, payable within 21 days of making the booking. The 50% balance should be received 21 days before the start of your stay. You will receive a Booking Confirmation email with instructions for making your deposit and balance payments. All payments will be by Bank Transfer. If your organisation cannot make Bank Transfers alternative arrangement can be made, but may incur additional charges.



Cornel Scout Centre

Essential Information

Bookings

If you need to change your number of guests, let us know in good time. We may not always be able to accommodate increased numbers, particularly in summer when we are busier; but will do our best.

If you are unable to proceed with your booking, we will carry that deposit forward to another booking within the next 12 months.



We have a limit on the total number of persons at the centre at any one time, so as not to overstretch resources, this is normally 60 people. If you have special needs you would like to discuss, please email.

Once the final payment has been received, shortly before your visit you will be sent your access details. It will be a unique code to access a specified key safe box which will contain the keys necessary for your visit as we don't have a presence on site. It is very important that keys are returned into the correct key safe upon departure. You can only order badges, at £ 1.50 each in advance or after your visit as we do not hold stock at the Centre. They can either be left for you on arrival or will be posted out to you.

All bookings communications are managed by email only. Do not use the Cornel House address for any bookings or payment post.

Cornel Scout Centre

Essential Information

IMPORTANT THINGS TO BRING

We provide an initial stock of items for your arrival

TOILET ROLL



BLACK BIN BAGS



CLEANING FLUIDS



£1 COINS



FITTED SINGLE SHEET AND PILLOW
(House and Annex)



KITCHEN KNIVES
(House and Annex)



Cornel Scout Centre

Essential Information

Getting to Site

The site is near the end of a three-mile road West from the village of Trefriw.

If approaching from Betws y Coed or Llanrwst, turn left immediately after the bridge in Trefriw and stay on the road leading to Llyn Crafnant. This narrow road is extremely steep for the first part in the village but then winds through farms and woodland, climbing steadily until you reach Llyn Crafnant.



PLEASE drive slowly and carefully to respect our neighbours and other road users.

The road continues alongside the lake until you pass the café and then a small converted chapel – Cornel is then 50m on the right, down through a metal gate with our red sign.

This single track winding road is suitable for vehicles up to small/medium vans and minibuses but does require users to be able to reverse if necessary to allow oncoming traffic to pass.

THE ROAD IS NOT SUITABLE FOR COACHES OR CARAVANS

Cornel Scout Centre Essential Information

Getting to Site



Our address is:
Cornel Scout Centre
Crafnant Road, Trefriw
LL27 0JZ

Please do not use this address for any correspondence

what3words for the gate: [///princely.resonated.screeches](https://www.what3words.com/#!/princely.resonated.screeches)

Cornel Scout Centre

Essential Information

What to do



Cornel is ideally placed to get on the hills, on the water, or under the ground.

A day in the Carneddau - hunting for stone circles, meeting the ponies - is easily achievable from Cornel. The higher peaks of the Ogwen Valley are then not too much of a drive away. You can of course utilise the local Sherpa'r Wyddfa services as well.



Water Activities can be found at Llyn Geirionydd, a short drive, or a short walk over the valley. Llyn Crafnant is only available for fishing. Permits are managed by the Cafe.



Speak to our Bookings Team for a discount for Zip World activities, including Bounce Below and Zip World.

Cornel are proud to participate in a number of local cultural, heritage and nature programmes including:

- Llysgennad Eryri / Eryri Ambassador
- Llysgennad Conwy / Conwy Ambassador
- AdventureSmart
- Wales Ambassador Sustainable Tourism



We have a curated list of potential activities on the website under "What to do"

Cornel Scout Centre

Essential Information

Using Cornel

RECYCLING & RUBBISH

Recycling is **COMPULSORY** in Wales. There are bins in the car park, please see guidance on site.



Clean and sorted recycling should be put into black bags and into the correct bin

Anything that can't be recycled should be packed into black plastic bags & placed in the large refuse bin.

PLEASE: DO NOT PLACE LOOSE WASTE INTO THE BINS

WATER



Water is a precious resource at Cornel. Please do not waste it and avoid wasting water on long showers and water fights.

CATERING



Cornel only provides self-catering accommodation. Supermarkets do deliver to Cornel.

Cornel Scout Centre

Essential Information

Using Cornel

TOILETS AND WASH FACILITIES



House and Annex Guests are welcome to allocate toilet facilities as they see fit to suit the group's needs.

Accessible facilities are available. Please refer to our [Accessibility Statement](#).



We provide an initial stock of loo roll and hand towels, however, you are responsible for topping these up.

Please follow the advice of the shower timers.

Cornel Scout Centre

Essential Information

Using Cornel



ANIMALS

Animals graze the marsh, so please follow additional hygiene routines when staying on site. Washing Hands more regularly and ensuring food is stored and prepared safely.



TICKS

Ticks can be found in Snowdonia, including at Cornel; see the guidance on the noticeboards.



FIRES

Fires are only allowed on the four steel fire platforms and in the campfire circle. We recommend that you bring firewood. Please don't trespass on private property or remove wood from fences. Don't remove wood from, or fell any trees.



NOISE

Noise travels easily in the valley. Please be mindful of this and don't disturb our neighbours and visitors.

Cornel Scout Centre

Essential Information

Using Cornel



PIONEERING POLES

4" Pioneering Poles are provided, but not ropes or pulleys etc. Please return to rack after use and do not cut or burn. Please advise us if you find any damaged.



LAKE

Llyn Crafnant is a fishing lake and there is NO access for ANY activities in or on it.



SECURITY

Please keep gates shut and ensure that all windows and doors are locked when leaving site. Please close shutters on your departure.



PETS

Guests are NOT permitted to bring pets to Cornel (recognised assistance dogs are allowed).

Cornel Scout Centre

Essential Information

Using Cornel

NEIGHBOURS

Generators are NOT permitted at Cornel.



There are fridges and freezers in the House/Annex and Camp Block. When there are multiple groups camping, it will be necessary for campers to share these facilities.

We share the valley with neighbours who live here all year. PLEASE be considerate – noise travels, so minimise unnecessary noise.

Drones are also discouraged.



After 22.30 hrs, leaders are requested to ensure activities are organised quietly.

Llyn Crafnant is also a popular tourist spot, with walkers regularly passing by on the public footpath.



There are private properties at Pen y Llyn (behind the single rail wooden fence in the Camping field), Capel Carmel (on the roadside just before Cornel) and at Y Chwarel (directly across the road in front of the House). PLEASE DO NOT disturb them OR enter their land for any purpose – just as you wouldn't enter your neighbour's garden at home.

Cornel Scout Centre

Essential Information

Using Cornel

MARSH



Cornel has 25 acres of land and almost all is a SSSI. The main area of interest is the marsh which contains many rare plants. If you wish to enter this area, please use the stile, don't climb the fence or locked gate and do not intentionally damage plants or disturb animals.

WiFi/TELEPHONES



WiFi is available at Cornel and the password will be sent out with your Key Cards. We cannot guarantee service and bandwidth. Leaders are responsible for deciding if young people are given the password, and therefore, what content young people access.

There is almost no mobile phone signal in the valley, coverage improves once down in Trefriw.



The house has a payphone which takes £1, 50p and 20p coins. The nearest public telephone box is in Trefriw.

The guests in the Annex and Camp Field are issued with keys to the Emergency telephone box outside the back door of the House – it is limited to make only 999 calls.

Cornel Scout Centre

Essential Information

Using Cornel

VEHICLES

Please ensure that vehicle movement around the site is restricted and completed in a careful manner to avoid hurting other guests or damaging property. In locations where movement is restricted by other vehicles or site features, eg. the House gateway, then it is always wise to be guided by someone outside the vehicle.



Please park sensibly leaving access for emergency and delivery vehicles.

When multiple groups or lots of vehicles are on site, please coordinate with each other to ensure vehicles can be moved as required.

We regret that caravans and motorhomes/campers are NOT permitted at Cornel.

Please speak to the team if you plan to bring any vehicle larger than an XLWB van.

LAWNS

Please do not pitch tents on the grass area at the back of the house.

Cornel Scout Centre

Essential Information

Using Cornel

DAMS



Some groups like to build dams from stones in the stream that runs at the West of the camp field. This is a fun activity, but please remove them afterwards – if we have heavy rain they do direct water across the camp field which floods the site and makes it very muddy.

WARDENS



Our wardens and members of the management team often visit Cornel.

The team always carry photographic ID and are DBS checked by the Scout Association. They have Master keys and may need access to the parts of the site you are occupying.

If you are still unsure about anyone, then telephone one of the Warden team for verification – their numbers will be found in the Guest Manuals.

Cornel Scout Centre

Essential Information

Using Cornel

BLANKET BADGE



Cornel has attractive cloth badges that can be purchased as a keepsake for your party. These can be ordered when booking and will be posted to you. Wardens hold some stock for purchase too, however you may not see them while you're on site.

SERVICE TEAM



Explorer Scouts, Network members and Leaders are always welcome to join the Service Team that maintain and improve this wonderful centre. This is great fun and an opportunity to learn new skills which can be used towards Scouting and Duke of Edinburgh awards.

We meet 4 weekends and 2 weeks each year and team members choose when they want to attend.

Cornel Scout Centre Essential Information

Leaving Cornel



Please leave the site in a state fit for the next guests – since our volunteers DO NOT CLEAN and sometimes don't visit site between guests.

You will need your own cleaning cloths and products. Please remove all cleaning fluids.



There is a vacuum cleaner in the House and brushes/mops/buckets in the House, Annex and Campblock.

You will be issued with a 'Departure Checklist' to assist you.