

GRAIG WEN ACCESS STATEMENT 2019

Sarah and John live on site and are available to assist with advice whenever possible - please do ask if we can help! The details below are subject to change so please contact us and we will be happy to discuss your requirements: 01341 250482 or hello@grraigwen.co.uk.

Our 4 holiday cottages, The Slate Shed B & B and the caravan/motorhome site are set on a level terrace overlooking the Mawddach Estuary, five miles West of Dolgellau. A **steep track** drops down through our 45 acres of woodland and sloping fields to the tent camping area, estuary and Mawddach Trail. The track down to the Mawddach Trail is approximately 600 metres long with a couple of steep sections of about 150 metres. The upper part of the site is 71 metres above the estuary level. Cars accessing our tent camping fields can drive part way down this track which is rough in places. The final section of the track to the estuary is not accessible by vehicle and is partly on sloping grass which can be slippery when wet.

The vast majority of our guests, ranging from septuagenarians to toddlers, take the hill steady and are fine, with or without bikes. There are benches to catch your breath en route. Some people, including children, sixty year olds and disabled people with adaptive bikes, are known to enjoy the challenge of cycling all the way to the top, but for most of us, it's a bit of a push.

For those who find the track down to the estuary too steep, the Mawddach Trail can be easily accessed from various free car parking places within a couple of miles of Graig Wen including Penmaenpool car park and Morfa Mawddach station car park.

Cyclists who wish to access the Mawddach Trail but find our track too steep can ride downhill along the A493 for approx mile and access the Mawddach Trail in Arthog. As Graig Wen is on the brow of a hill there will always be an ascent to negotiate to return to us - whether from the Arthog or Dolgellau direction. Welcome to Wales!

The Mawddach Trail is wheelchair accessible from various points including Penmaenpool car park and Morfa Mawddach station car park.

The upper touring camp site

Vehicle access is easy from the A493 from the Dolgellau direction. We advise caravans and larger motorhomes to access us from this direction, as the turning into our drive from the Fairbourne direction is tight.

Pitches are level and there are no steps to access the washing facilities or loos. Ladies and Gents toilets and wash basins are located no further than 50 metres from any of the pitches. We regret these are not accessible by wheelchair users. Two unisex showers are less than 100 metres from the pitches. We regret these are not accessible by wheelchair users.

The tent camping fields

Access to the tent camping car park is via the steep track outlined above at the owner's risk.

The tent camping fields are undulating and wild in nature with some steep sections. Pitches on the estuary field are less than 100 metres from a clean and spacious unisex compost loo and 2 unisex showers. Pitches on the family field are about 200 metres away from this, as are the Pitch and Park

itches. There is a small compost loo within approx 100 metres of the family fields. The secluded pitches are also within 100 metres of this.

The conventional loos and a further two unisex showers are approx 100 metres and 150 metres respectively up the steep track from the tent camping car park. Reception and the honesty shop are also on this level.

Holiday cottages

We regret that the holiday cottages have no downstairs bathrooms so are not suitable for wheelchair users.

Glamping

From March until October, **Jones the shepherd's hut, the large yurt, Tommy yurt and the yurt for two** are sited in a silver birch glade. You can park next to the accommodation. Access to the yurt for two is a down a slope of a few metres.

There is a unisex compost loo and shower, which steps are used to access, within at most approx 40 metres of all the structures. Ladies and Gents conventional loos and washbasins are situated approx 100 metres down a gently sloping track. Two further unisex showers are situated about 200 metres away near reception.

Idris yurt is situated on the upper touring camp site during March and April and from October until January. You can park by the yurt in this winter location - see touring site information above for details about accessing the showers and loos. From May until the end of September, Idris is sited on our lower tent camping fields. A compost loo is within 70 metres. Please see the information above about other access.

Jones the Shepherd's Hut moves to its winter location on the touring site from November until January. Please see touring site information above for details about accessing the showers and loos.

B & B

The Slate Shed B & B has a ground floor bedroom with en suite wet room which is accessible for wheelchair users. Please see www.slateshed.co.uk for a detailed access statement.

- **Transport**

By bike or foot - direct access from Mawddach Trail through a pedestrian gate. Steep grassy field and rough track 600m up to B & B, holiday cottage and camp site washblock.

By train - Morfa Mawddach station 2 miles away with direct access along Mawddach Trail (see above). We can arrange pick-up (including mountain bikes) or drop off at the station for £10 each way charge.

By bus – No 28 buses runs between Dolgellau and Tywyn - ask driver to drop you at Graig Wen.

By car – Turn off A470 Dolgellau bypass, and take A493 signposted Tywyn/Fairbourne. From the turn off with A470 we are 4.5 miles on right hand side on brow of slight hill.

- **Assistance dogs** are welcome (as are all well behaved dogs) and can be exercised on the top site as well as the lower fields which are accessed down the steep and rough track.

- **Mobile phone reception and 3/4G** on most networks is available on site (except 02) although there are spots in the surrounding area where coverage is patchy.
- While we do not have an **induction loop** at reception, we will do our utmost to assist people who are hard of hearing/deaf and can provide written guidance.
- We can provide information in **large print and alternative formats** by prior arrangement.
- Explore the woodland and pasture and you can listen to birdsong and the rustle of reeds and leaves, smell the sea air and the bluebells in season, feel the dry stone walls and the bark of ancient oaks. There are benches for rest points around the site.