

HAREWOOD CAMP - Somerford Park

Thursday 26th March to Sunday 29th March 2015

Joining Information

Getting there – the postcode for satnav is CW12 4SW. The park is situated about 15 mins from J18, M6 on Holmes Chapel Road (A54), Congleton. Make sure you follow the A54 as it takes a right turn off the main road you follow so you need to make sure you don't miss it and go straight on!

It is worth looking on a map for an alternative route in case the M6 is manic – tune in to traffic programmes on your way over.

As you come into Somerford along Holmes Chapel Road, you will see the entrance to Somerford Park on the left hand side (if you have come from M6) – drive slowly up to the metal gates if closed and they will open automatically.

Directions to top yard stable block only

On arrival drive through the gates and turn right. Drive past the shop and the indoor on your left and alongside a tall hedge of yew trees to your right. As the yard opens up turn left and drive past the vets stables and you will see the old camp stables in front of you just to your right. They are dark wooden and there will be shavings in the stables and haylage ready outside for you to use.. Someone will hopefully meet you there. Your name will be on your stable door. Once you have unloaded and settled your horse please drive back towards the shop and turn right – following directions as per below to the main cap facilities.

Directions to main camp stable block only

On arrival once through the gates, drive **straight on – off the tarmac and onto a farm track** - **do not turn right in front of the shop!!!!** It is signed "Woodside Stables" which is not on the main yard. Keeping the shop on your right drive along the gravel track past jumping arenas on your right, follow the natural 90 degree bend to the left and you will see a closed metal gate – there is a gatepost on the driver's side where you press a button for access - go through the gate and keep straight on until you see the new build camp facilities on the right hand side.

You can drive straight onto the yard by taking the road **in front of the stables** and you can unload here but you must then drive straight through onto the grass and park along the hedge line – or in rows near to the farm ride track. We are in Both blocks and you will need to check your stable numbers and block numbers carefully as we are not allowed to put labels on doors! The blocks are signed Woodside A and Woodside B clearly on the front of them. Stables are individually number 1-26.

On arrival

Toni, Amy & Bobby will be there to meet and greet and show you where everything is, where to pitch a tent, where to unload and park and to show you around the camp facilities and help you settle in!

If you arrive early (before 12 noon) there is no access to any of the facilities – including farm ride and stable and we will be charged if anyone is seen entering the stables/pavilion before 12 noon or using the farm ride. If you arrive before 12 noon – please make your way onto the main Somerford yard – not the camp yard and park and wait until time for us to access camp.

For those of you who are keen to arrive early you may book the farm ride at £17 a horse at the main office on the top yard and park up there and ride until camp is ready. You will need to arrange this for yourself and book in advance.

If you get lost, are stuck in traffic or run into any delays – please let us know – we will aim to meet you whenever you arrive and help you as much as we can!!!!

If you want an electric hook up for your wagon – you need to book and pay or this direct with Somerford Park in advance of our camp and arrange to collect your hook up sticker on arrival.

The number to arrange booking this is – **01260 299888** – please state clearly you are with Harewood camp and what dates you need hook up for. Hook up charges are £10 per night for a minimum of 3 nights.

There will be 3 bales of shavings in each stable but you can either bring your own or buy more there (£6.30) if you want more. Toni, Amy & Bobby can get them for you but you will need to pay cash for them when you take them.

Haylage is provided throughout your stay and will be available in all blocks – please use this sensibly and do not open a new bale until the entire open bale is finished. It is excellent quality and like rocket fuel! If you have any concerns about changing your horses haylage please feel free to bring your own but you are required to take home any unused left over as Somerford will not dispose of any other haylage other than their own on the muck heap as it goes back on their land!

We will be the only camp and so have access to both pavilions and both sets of showers/toilets – and both kitchens. We do not have access to the club house at the top yard. There will be shared fridge and freezer space to store your items we will provide tea, coffee, sugar and milk (for hot drinks, not enough for cereal) for the weekend so you don't have to worry about bringing your own and there will be cordial for you to make juice up with. We will run a breakfast café serving bacon butties, egg sandwiches etc for a very small fee TBC for those who would prefer., otherwise you need to cater for your own lunch and breakfast– evening meals are provided. You need to bring your own drinks and snacks – booze and bottle openers!

If you are travelling alone and would like to ride the farm ride with someone else please let me know and I will put you in touch with someone. A short loop of the farm ride can take just 35 minutes whilst a full loop can take up to 2 hours so you have lots of options. Use of the XC schooling ground outside of lessons without prior permission is not allowed. Use of the farm ride is free for your stay and can be done at any time within Somerford rules.

The phone number in use throughout camp will be either:

Bobby - 07771 937753 or

Toni – 07799 674705