

We are excited to tell you about an ORC walking holiday for next year

Dates would be Sunday 31 May to Friday 5 June, staying at

The Horseshoe Guesthouse, Church Street, Rhayader, LD6 5AT

Lynn, Heather & Pat have all stayed there and checked it out

Parking for several cars immediately outside on left of building. Gate open but no signage re parking.

Reception on side of building in CP

Tea & coffee etc with kettle in room (no decaf)

Nice lounge off the dining room. Easily seat 9 on sofas + another chair & stool. Small bar area with 2 bar stools, a few glasses & paperback books. Electric organ

Cost of the holiday varies depending on your room and whether you share, details & prices at end of the information.

We would need to book by end September with a £20 deposit per room, paid to Pat, who will transfer the payments to The Horseshoe by BACS.

Final payment would be due on arrival, paid individually, by BACS

Rooms will be allocated on a first come basis. Please indicate your preferred option, with 2nd option just in case!

To be included in the group booking, please email Pat at pat.dominey152@icloud.com

Rhayader is a small town, located in the Elan Valley, Powys, on the River Wye, and is a beautiful area with lots of walking options.

Some local shops are - Post office & stores, Hardware store, Coop, Spar, Whole food & deli, Newsagent selling some fresh fruit & veg, Clothing & gifts, Hillwalking outdoor wear, Off licence, Tourists gifts

Also has Bike hire incl. electric

Walks will either be self guided or with a leader from our group, who may not have reced it in advance. There are also local walks, with details available locally, or check out visitmidwales.co.uk for some ideas or All Trails. It is safe to say there are some excellent local walks.

Elan valley visitor centre

Distance to Elan valley visitor centre - 3.5miles

CP £3/day pay by nexus app or by card machine in CP

60 mins free parking is available

Cafe & shop; toilets; bike hire; riverside stroll;

Centre open 9-5pm. Cafe to 4pm with last hot food at 3.30

Elan Valley is designated an International Dark Sky Park

Sample Walks

Pat reced 4 local walks

walk 1- circular from Elan valley visitor centre alongside reservoir then returning on other side of reservoir through wooded path - approx 7miles + a bit extra from CP to start of the walk

walk 2 - walked to visitor centre from Rhayader along easy path then a cross country route back to Rhayader. Approx 9 miles but third of it was easy path.

walk 3 - a short local walk following Walking guide -1. approx 3 miles, with a bit of variety and a little up & down, but not hard at all

Walk 4 - good views so there was some uphill, but summit was only 530 ft. Approx 9 miles. A good day walk

Lynn & Heather recced a 5 mile walk from Rhayader, along mostly quiet roads, tracks & paths

Catering

Breakfast is included in cost of room. Tea / coffee; choice of cereals, fruit, yogurt (flavoured) & fruit juice. Cooked breakfast & toast prepared when ordered.

Suggest preorder any specifics on booking eg natural yogurt

Lunch items can be purchased locally, but no fridge in the room, or packed lunches can be preordered for £6 pp

Dinner would most likely be in a local pub restaurant. Best to make a reservation.

Eating out options

Old swan tearoom 9-4pm not Tues. Cash only. Tested this and it was good

Lamb & flag - tested this twice. Ok menu and not too expensive - out door space beside restaurant, some under cover

Crown inn - was closed on Monday evening so didn't eat there. Outside courtyard at back

Triangle Inn- no menu on website and didn't check it out, but great location for post walk drink

Ty Morgan's cafe restaurant bar - tested this in afternoon after a walk - wouldn't be my first choice for coffee & cake, but a fair size inside & also has rear courtyard

The Elan hotel

Journey time to Rhayader was approx 4 hours with a short stop, but could make a day of it.

Room options

2x twin en-suite rooms at £90 per night including breakfast

2x double en-suite rooms at £90 per night including breakfast

1x double room, with washbasin, with adjacent shared bathroom (good shower) at £70 per night including breakfast

1x single room, with washbasin, with shared bathroom, as above at £55 per night including breakfast

Family loft rooms which are 1 double and 1 twin and bathroom at £130 per night including breakfast

A 3 bedroom 2 bathroom cottage (next door) that is £130 per night + £45 for cleaning, without breakfast. Breakfast would be an extra £12pp / day

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If you are not yet able to commit to the holiday dates, you would be able to contact The Horseshoe directly to reserve a room, but cost may be slightly higher than group booking prices above. You would need to confirm whether you could be added to the group booking at the time of enquiry.