

## PUTTENHAM ECO CAMPING BARN

Project Oasis North Downs (POND), The Street, Puttenham, Surrey GU3 1AR

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Map: Ordnance Survey Grid Reference SU 933 479 Website: [www.puttenhamcampingbarn.co.uk](http://www.puttenhamcampingbarn.co.uk)

### Advance information

#### Introduction

Puttenham Eco Camping Barn in west Surrey provides simple overnight accommodation to cyclists, walkers and horse-riders. It is an exciting venture involving many volunteers working as part of a registered charity established for the purpose – Project Oasis North Downs.

#### What is available?

In the words of one tourism inspector: “The dining and kitchen area is well appointed and overall facilities provided exceed expectations of a camping barn. The property is efficiently managed with very good environmental policies and the property also benefits from having a resident warden.”

**Self-catering kitchen and dining area** with electric hobs, toasters, electric kettles and a combination microwave/oven. Cutlery, crockery and pans are provided. Campers are asked to clean up after them. Evening meals are available in the village – within five minutes’ walk.

**Please note:** The warden will be on site at the Barn at all times when visitors are present, including for sole bookings, and will be sharing the kitchen facilities with our visitors.

**Sleeping accommodation** is communal on foam-covered sleeping platforms. These have a firm surface so you may want to bring a camping mat for extra comfort. There are 11 spaces in three unisex sleeping areas; so you may be sharing with others. Depending on numbers staying it may be possible to have your own section. We welcome individuals, families and groups.

**Washing and toilet facilities:** Toilet and wash room facilities, with shower and hot & cold water.

**Cycle shed:** Designed by cyclists with space for everyone’s bicycles, two tandems, or a tricycle!

**The grounds:** We have outdoor seating and a picnic table on grass alongside a wild flower area.

#### Other notes

A trained warden stays overnight whenever we are open. A pay-phone is available. Mobile reception is poor.

#### What to bring?

**Bedding:** bring your own sleeping bag, or hire one at the Barn (see below).

**Food provisions:** a small stock of basic provisions is on sale.

**Towel/personal toiletries:** a towel can be hired for a small fee.

**Clothes:** as if you were camping; this is a *Camping* Barn and it can be cool.

**Torch:** for after dark.

#### The attractions of the Barn

Stay and experience the atmosphere of a beautiful old barn – Listed Grade II. It is by the North Downs Way National Trail and the Surrey Cycleway Farnham Link. Sustrans National Cycle Route 22 passes the door. The area has many public Rights of Way and cycling is normally allowed on public bridleways.

#### Prices 2019

Adult £15 per night.

Under 18 (to be accompanied by supervising adult) £12 per night.

All visitors arriving by foot, bicycle or public transport are entitled to receive a 'Green voucher', worth £3 off any subsequent overnight(s).

Check the [website](http://www.puttenhamcampingbarn.co.uk) for any special offers.

**Sole occupancy** by arrangement. A warden will be on site and sharing kitchen facilities. The Barn will be closed from 10.00-17.00.

**Optional extras:** Sleeping bag hire £3.00 per stay (includes freshly laundered inner sheet liner).  
Membership of Project Oasis North Downs: suggested £6 (unwaged £4) – to support the Project and receive an occasional newsletter.

### **Opening Dates and Times 2019**

Advance booking is essential.

Open 13 April to end October subject to advance booking.

Let us know in advance when you wish to stay, as we try to be flexible to fit in with your plans.

We open at 17.00 and guests are asked to leave by 10.00 the following morning.

Our normal latest 'lights out' time is 23.30.

We cannot accommodate pets, but make an exception for guide dogs and other assistance dogs.

### **Personal safety**

Take care in the Barn. Remember that the floor in the shower area may be wet. Project Oasis North Downs does not accept responsibility for any damages or loss including accident or injury arising from the use of the Barn. Please note that any unruly behaviour will result in guests being asked to leave. We ask you to read fire notices and make yourself familiar with exit routes in the event of emergency. Smoking is not permitted in the Barn or its grounds.

### **How to get there**

The Barn is opposite Puttenham Parish Church (OS grid ref SU 933 479). It is shown on new issues of OS Explorer sheet 145. A sign by the entrance indicates 'Camping Barn'. Go to the left of the Barn to a further sign and then another. The entrance is at the back of the Barn. Please see access map on Page 3. The Barn is next to several other houses so please respect the privacy of our neighbours. Remember we open at 17.00.

#### **By bus:**

65 bus from Farnham to "Puttenham crossroads" on the A31 (look for steps down), and then 10 minutes' walk to the Barn.

65 bus from Guildford to "Hog's Back lay-by near Puttenham" – (the café lay-by on the A31 west of Puttenham), and then 15 minutes' walk to the Barn.

46 bus to Watts Gallery, Compton (from Guildford, Godalming or Farnham), then walk 2 miles west along North Downs Way

For times (Stagecoach service 46 & 65) see [www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk](http://www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk), or [www.stagecoachbus.com](http://www.stagecoachbus.com).

**By train:** Nearest stations Wanborough - 2 miles; Guildford - 5 miles; Godalming – 5 miles; Farncombe - 4.5 miles; Farnham - 6 miles. Train info: 03457 484950.

**By cycle:** (suggested route): From Godalming: Farncombe-Binscombe-Compton (Down Lane) - then North Downs Way to Puttenham.

**By car:** There is no car or motor-cycle parking at the Barn, nor is it permitted to drive a motor-vehicle into the barnyard to unload. This is a condition of our lease and is important. Thank you.

**Parking:** Car-parking, at your own risk, is usually available either on The Street or at Marwick Hall, School Lane (off The Street) – less than five minutes walk away. As already described, we have excellent cycle-parking on site.

### **If you arrive early**

If you arrive before 17.00 you can visit the Parish Church opposite. The village recreation field is along The Street, past '[The Good Intent](#)' pub, and then right along School Lane. After the school, turn left on a track to the playing field where there is a play area for children.

## Maps

The [OS Explorer](#) map, sheet 145 (Guildford & Farnham), shows Rights of Way – public footpaths and bridleways – including the North Downs Way from Farnham. The latest edition shows “access land” where you can wander on foot. The scale is 4 cm to 1 km. The [OS Landranger](#) map, sheet 186 (Aldershot & Guildford) covers the area in less detail (2 cm to 1 km). Maps from [`Oaktree Routes`](#) (scale 3 cm to 1 km), based on the OS Landranger, are prepared for cyclists and walkers and indicate track conditions. The local map covering Puttenham shows our Camping Barn.

## Note for group leaders

If you are booking the Barn for a group, please ensure all participants see this advance info document ahead of their visit. Then everyone can have an idea of what to expect.

## Bookings and further information

Please book online at [puttenhamcampingbarn.co.uk/booking.html](http://puttenhamcampingbarn.co.uk/booking.html). If you have a special request please check our [website](#) first for information. You can mail us at [bookings](#), or call our answerphone at 01483 811 001 (+44 1483 811 001).



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