

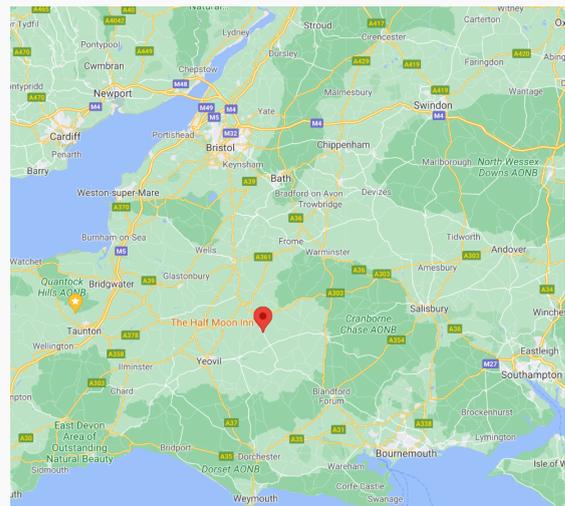
Cheriton Treehouse

Accessibility Guide

Location

The treehouse sits peacefully in a secluded spot, with only the main house in sight in the distance at the top of the hill. The treehouse is situated adjacent to a large pond. The pond has a little island with a pair of silver birch trees complete with stepping stones to get you there. You feel completely alone, with just the sounds of the birds, and pond cascades.

The secluded location of the treehouse attracts wildlife, in particular birds, moor hens and resident buzzards. Deer habitually come up the stream and graze near the pond in full view of the treehouse. The treehouse benefits from the dawn rising above the mists Blackmore Vale.



Directions and Transport

Train

Templecombe Station, (3 miles), Castle Cary Station, 8.5 Miles, Gillingham Station, 12 miles.

By Bus

There is a bus stop half a mile away, North Cheriton, but service is not frequent.

Templecombe has 4 bus routes which serve 7 bus stops.

<https://www.geopunk.co.uk/locality/N0074077> lists the bus stops and bus routes in Templecombe and displays them on a map. If you want to find out more details and view bus times or timetables click on the following link -

<https://www.geopunk.co.uk/timetables/town/templecombe>.

Gillingham bus times - <https://bustimes.org/localities/gillingham-dorset>

Castle Cary bus times - <https://bustimes.org/localities/castle-cary-somerset>

By Car

Travelling by car: The Treehouse is situated 400 yards up Wood Lane from the A357.

Travelling via the A303

The A357 is 1.5 miles from the Wincanton exit off the A303. On exiting the A303, guests should take the A371 in the direction of Castle Cary. Within half a mile there is a roundabout where there is left turn with a sign for Templecombe. Taking this road, you will pass a Shell Garage on your left, Anchor Hill Service Station and you then proceed through the village of Lattiford where you will see sign of the village on your left and Merrymeet Cattery on right (beware the 30mph speed limit often patrolled by mobile police van)! You then proceed through North Cheriton, up Blackacre Hill, until right turn into Wood Lane. You will see two prominent rounded hedges at the entrance to Wood lane, and a sign to Cheriton Treehouse. 400 yards up lane you will see another sign to the treehouse and a left turning through a gate and on to a track; follow the track around the edge of the field to the treehouse. If you follow the post code it takes you to the end of Wood Lane, over-shooting the gate to Treehouse by 200 yards.

Coming from the M3

Leave the M3 at Junction 8 (Salisbury/Andover) take A303.

Follow the A303 to Wincanton, exit A303 follow signs for A357 Blandford

Coming from the M5

At junction 23, take the A39 exit to A38/Bridgwater/Glastonbury/Wells

Continue on A39. Take Reynald's Way, A37 and A303 to the A357

From the A30

Take the A357 form the A30 at the crossroads at Henstridge

Proceed through the village of Yenston and then Templecombe and Horsington

As you exit Horsington, you will see the White Horse pub (white!) on your left and you take the left turn up Wood Lane 400 yards after the pub. Sign to Treehouse at turning and 400 yards up Wood Lane

Zap Map for Electric Cars

<https://www.zap-map.com/live/>

Guests might bring

Torches, Wellies, Binoculars.

Guest should be aware that although the Treehouse is in a secluded location, the local lanes and roads have a steady stream of traffic and that walking on the roads has to be undertaken carefully. High viz clothing recommended if guests do this.

Access to the treehouse

The treehouse is approached via a hard-stoned woodland track leading to the entrance staircase which leads directly up to the treehouse. This doorway goes straight into the kitchen/dining area which is an open-plan with wood flooring. It contains a small kitchen area with sink, open shelves, storage cupboards, fridge, two burner hob, toaster oven, main oven and dishwasher and dining area with a table and two chairs sitting in the center of the room. The dining table has been made with two slabs of wood, the table top and the left over log for the legs.

The lounge area has a 2 seater sofa (can be transformed into a double bed), arm chair, side tables, and woodburner. The lounge has large 3.2m wide bi-fold doors out onto the elevated deck area. The doors have a raised door runner threshold (approx 3cms deep).

From the lounge there is access to the balcony which overlooks the surrounding natural landscape and the private pond.

Moving past the kitchen you will find the bathroom. This room features underfloor heating, a full size shower, a loo, and a sink that is handcrafted in stone with rustic taps.

Moving up to the second room accessed by an internal staircase you enter a room in which is a huge copper bathtub which overlooks the Somerset countryside with heated flooring and heated towel racks. Next to this, there is a large double bed, which looks as if it is floating over the fields. Surrounding it there are large windows and it sits in a hand-crafted wooden design - which partners well with the local trees. People with severe vertigo may not find this bedroom suitable.

There is no TV. The treehouse has Wi-Fi, good reception and good 4G phone coverage on most networks outside, more limited reception inside due to the high level of modern insulation.

The treehouse features two elevated viewing decks from which there are fantastic views of the pond and surrounding wildlife. The treehouse is quiet and secluded with 18 mile views of Shaftesbury. This is the perfect place to escape to should you want to taste great food, at the many local pubs, restaurants and cafes and the great outdoors.

Limitations of accessibility

Due to the nature of the treehouse, the surrounding space and its construction with steep, narrow staircases there is limited accessibility for disabled people. This is not a suitable property for those who are in a wheelchair. Unfortunately there is nothing that Cheriton Treehouse can do in terms of improving accessibility within the treehouse.