



“Dale Fort is ideally located for those who wish to explore the Wales Coast Path”

Dale Fort is set in a spectacular location high on the cliffs within the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park, giving superb views over the sea. Built in 1856 to defend the Milford Haven waterway against invasion, it has been a field centre since 1948.

Dale Fort is right on the Wales Coastal Path, has four beaches within walking distance and is a short drive to both Marloes Sands (NT) and Skomer Island, renowned for its populations of puffins, guillemots and razorbills.

The centre is within easy reach to local surf beaches, West Dale (5 minutes drive), Broad Haven (20 minutes drive) and Newgale (40 mins drive).

Dale Fort has a Solar P.V. installation producing sustainable electricity and also has an on-site jetty for easy direct access to the sea.

This inspirational and unique centre welcomes all types of bookings including singles, couples, groups of adults, families and extended family groups. However, please note that we do not accept stag or hen parties. Groups have the option to book B&B, Full Board or it is possible to rent out the whole centre on a self-catering basis.

Your options:

Hire the whole centre

- Suitable for activity clubs, large gatherings or faith groups
- Exclusive Use
- Bedlinen, classrooms and common rooms included
- Self-catering offered
- Catering and activities available on request (chargeable)

Group accommodation with classrooms

- Suitable for special interest groups who need craft or lecture space
- Allocated bedrooms for group with shared common rooms
- Classroom facilities with equipment available to hire
- Bedlinen and full board catering

Group accommodation and catering only

- Suitable for activity groups off-site all day, sports tours and families
- Allocated bedrooms for group with shared common rooms
- Bedlinen and full board catering
- Prices for Adult groups and U18 groups

[View our virtual tour of the centre](#)

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| Buildings | 3 (St Brides, St Cradoc's & St David's) |
| No. of floors | 3 |
| Bed/bedroom capacity | 136 comfortably across three blocks (144 if all bed spaces maximised). 33 bedrooms in total (28 with seaviews) |
| No. of non en-suite | 15 over three blocks |
| No. of en-suite | 18 across three blocks |
| Accessible rooms/ Wheelchair access | There are two bedrooms designed for accessibility with the ability to sleep six people with wet room within St David's block. |
| Accessible spaces/ Wheelchair access | There is a lift within the St David's block to access the classrooms upstairs. Meals can be taken in the library. Also, the bar, and common rooms are accessible. |
| Double Beds | 0 |
| Linen | We do supply all linen but we do not provide a bed-making service for exclusive centre hire. Can all guests strip their beds upon departure to assist our hospitality teams. |
| Guest towels | We ask guests to bring towels. |
| Kitchen | There is a large kitchen, with everything needed for a self-catering stay. Heated servery, rational combi oven, 2 x 6 burner hob/ovens, grill, 2 x fryers. |
| Dining hall/Capacity | There is a large dining room with seating for up to 70 with spacious tables, benches and chairs. |
| Games room/Student common room | There is a student common room which has a television, a pool table, piano and a selection of board games; with comfortable sofas; it is the perfect place for students to relax. |
| Adult Lounge | There is an adult lounge area, which has a television, comfy sofas and a fully functioning kitchen attached. |
| Library | The Library can comfortably seat 100 |
| Classroom/work rooms | There are four workrooms and a Library that can be used as a workrooms or conference rooms. All have interactive whiteboards and WiFi access. Multi-media projection facilities are also available and laptops and iPad. |
| Classroom capacity | Ramsey - 30, Grassholm - 40, Skokholm - 25, Skomer - 35, Library - 100. |
| Conference suitable space | For conferences or large gatherings the library can comfortably seat 100. There is a nearby village hall that could also be suitable. Please get in touch for more information. |

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| Drying room/Laundry facilities | Yes, there is a drying room but there are no laundry facilities. |
| Onsite bar | There is a licensed bar stocked with local ales and spirits, wines, soft drinks and snacks. This is not available to self-catering groups unless special arrangements are made prior to the visit. |
| Onsite shop | There is a shop selling drinks, snacks and souvenirs of your stay as well as a selection of Field Studies Council publications. This is not available to self-catering groups unless special arrangements are made prior to the visit. |
| WiFi | Free guest WIFI is available through-out the centre. |
| Parking | There is on-site parking for 20 with additional parking outside the fort for minibuses and cars. |
| Bike storage | No |
| Indoor fire/BBQ/ Firepit | No |
| Pets | Pets are not usually allowed. Special arrangements will be made for guide dogs. |
| Smoking | There is no smoking or vaping allowed anywhere except in designated areas outside. Smoking or Vaping indoors will set off the alarms. |
| Grounds | A lawn and decked area has been created on the top of the headland. Dale Fort also has an outside climbing wall and other outdoor games areas including a field for football, rugby, rounders. Please note as the centre is located on a cliff-top, care must be taken to supervise children at all times. |
| Space for marquee | There is a large area outside but you will need to make your own grounds clearance works. |
| Camping | Not permitted at the centre. However, nearby campsites are: Point Farm, https://www.pointfarmdale.co.uk/ Dale Hill Farm, https://www.ukcampsite.co.uk/sites/details.asp?revid=13182 . |
| Commercial filming | Permitted |
| Music/noise | Please keep noise to a minimum between 11pm and 7am. |
| Outdoor activities | It is possible to book activities for both adults and children during your stay (subject to availability), these are chargeable and must be booked in advance. Please ask for more information. |

Accommodation



St Brides

Sleeps up to 51 guests in 8 bedrooms

- Lower ground floor: 1 x single with shared bathroom, 2 x dormitory rooms with 12 beds and shared bathroom, 1 x twin en-suite
- Ground floor: 1 x single en-suite, family room for six en-suite, family room for seven en-suite, family room for 10 en-suite.

St Cradoc's

Sleeps up to 51 guests in 17 bedrooms

- First floor: 5 x triple with shared bathrooms, 2 x twin en-suite
- Second floor: 7 x triple with shared bathrooms, 2 x twin en-suite, family room for seven en-suite

St David's

Sleeps up to 42 guests in 8 bedrooms

- Ground floor: 3 x family rooms for five en-suite, 1 x wheelchair accessible room for six with wet room
- First floor: 3 x family rooms for five en-suite, wheelchair accessible room for six with wet room



Single bedroom



Student common room



Please note

During off-peak times it is possible to hire separate accommodation blocks on a self catering basis at a reduced rate. Please enquire for more information.

The local area

Dale is a popular location for sailing and windsurfing but the village has a long sea-faring tradition. In the 16th century it was one of Pembrokeshire's most important ports and had a reputation as a smugglers' hideout, while ships were still being built at Dale in the 1850s.

There are sheer Old Red Sandstone cliffs along the peninsula, with a nearly flat cliff-top plateau which is the result of wave cut erosion when the sea was 200 feet higher some 400 million years ago. The Dale peninsula is largely treeless, but this walk takes in long slopes down to the sea that are unusual for being heavily wooded.

Dale Fort offers excellent views along the Haven Waterway. The Victorian fort was built inside a far larger Iron Age settlement and was a key part of Milford Haven's 19th century defences. Dale Fort is 150m of the Wales Coast Path.



Classroom



Shop and bar

Nearest hospitals, doctors and pharmacy

Withybush Hospital is in Haverfordwest; but does not have overnight paediatric care. There are doctors' surgeries in Milford Haven and Haverfordwest.

Directions

By road - From the M4 (Junction 49) follow the A48 to Carmarthen and then the A40 to Haverfordwest. From Haverfordwest take the B4327 to Dale. Follow the road into the village of Dale. Take the left-hand fork in the road following the waterfront. Just after the Griffin Inn there is a turning to the left sign-posted 'Field Studies Centre.' (Not suitable for coaches). The Centre is located at the end of the lane. Please be careful on the lane, it is very narrow with only a few passing places.

By train - The nearest railway station to the Centre is Milford Haven. Visitors arrange their own transfers.

By bus - Please visit <https://www.fflecsi.wales/locations/pembrokeshire/>. Fflecsi operates within a set zone and is available anytime between 7.30am and 6.30pm (Monday to Saturday). Travel can be booked by downloading the Fflecsi App from the App Store or Play Store. Alternatively, you can book by phoning 0300 234 0300 (Mon-Sat: 7am – 7pm/Sun: 9am – 6pm). There is no coach access to Dale Fort, a drop off in the village is required.

[View a video of the local area](#)

Staff

Some of our centres may have staff living on-site. Whilst their presence will not interfere with your stay, we would ask you to be considerate and respect their privacy.

Drug and alcohol policy

We would ask guests to familiarise themselves with and adhere to the behaviour and drug/alcohol policies contained within our [customer information document](#). Some centres may have specific licencing agreements in place in respect of the consumption of alcohol. Please enquire with the centre directly for more information.

Entertainment

All of our centres hold a licence to play music, media & radio. If you intend to bring/hire in your own music/entertainment, please enquire with the centre directly for more information as a temporary events licence may be required.



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to help plan your
stay.