

“Nettlecombe is perfectly positioned to make the most of Somerset’s spectacular countryside.”

Nettlecombe Court lies in a secluded valley at the eastern edge of Exmoor National Park. The house is a striking example of a Tudor and Georgian country mansion. The grounds are made up of heritage parkland, ancient woodland containing many veteran oak trees as well as a Site of Special Scientific Interest because of its lichen communities. Nettlecombe Court has excellent access to the Somerset coast as well as Exmoor National Park (a Dark Skies area) and The Quantocks Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It is approximately half an hour from Taunton and the motorway network. Taunton railway station is less than 2 hours from London. All accommodation is in the main house which can accommodate approximately 120 people. Rooms vary in size, and all have access to bathroom facilities or en-suites.

Suitable for groups wanting to book an educational visit either self taught, or taught by our team of tutors. Groups can also rent out the whole centre on a self-catering basis or with full board catering. There are a range of break rooms, meeting rooms and classrooms available for group use.

Your options:

Hire the whole centre

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

Group accommodation with classrooms

- Suitable for special interest groups who need craft or lecture spaces
- Full board accommodation in allocated bedrooms with bed linen
- Classroom facilities with equipment available to hire
- Shared common rooms

Group accommodation

- Suitable for activity groups off-site all day sport training weekends
- Full board accommodation in allocated bedrooms with bed linen
- Shared common rooms

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Buildings	1
No. of floors	3
Bed capacity	120 across 23 bedrooms
No. bedrooms	23 (18 dormitory rooms and five single or twin rooms). 11 of the 23 rooms are en-suite. 2 x single 3 x twin 18 dormitory rooms which vary in size from 4-12 beds.
En-suite/dedicated bathrooms	11 en-suite and all other rooms have designated bathrooms.
Double beds	0
Accessible bedrooms	There is one accessible en-suite bedroom on the first floor. Accessed from the rear of the building on a sloping gravel path. Electric wheelchairs often can't gain access though due to their smaller wheels.
Wheelchair accessibility around the centre/grounds	The dining hall, downstairs classroom, common room and student pantry are all accessible and there is a disabled toilet in the courtyard.
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.
Towels	Please bring your own towels.
Dining capacity	60-70. The Centre has a large dining room (The Great Hall) with big tables, benches and chairs. There are no highchairs, you are however, welcome to bring your own.
Kitchen	Self-catering only offered to groups that hire out the whole centre. The kitchen is fully equipped with everything needed for a self-catering stay as it is used regularly to cater for a wide range of groups and sizes. The kitchen includes a large walk-in fridge, freezer, gas hobs and gas oven, two large fryers, bratt pan, a range of smaller cooking appliances and utensils, hot plate/server, crockery for 60-70 people, and drop hood dishwasher.
Lounges	There is an adult lounge with TV, tea and coffee making facilities and comfortable sofas.
Common/games room	Common room with a range of recreational activities including pool table, arcade games, table football.

Conference suitable space	The Great Hall. It can be utilised as both a dining room and/or conference space for 60-70 people. There is a nearby village hall that could also be suitable. Please get in touch for more information.
Class/workrooms and capacities	Porlock (seats 30) or 35-40 conference style Embercombe (seats 14) or 20-25 conference style Trevelyan (seats 32) or 35-40 conference style Holford (seats 24) or 25-30 conference style Watchet (seats 24) or 25-30 conference style
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.
Drying room	No
Onsite shop	There is a shop selling a small range of drinks, snacks and souvenirs 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.
Parking	Yes 40 cars
Wi-Fi	There is Wi-Fi connection throughout the centre. Mobile signal varies depending on network.
Open fire inside	Yes, firewood provided at no extra charge.
Pets	Pets are not usually allowed. Special arrangements will be made for guide dogs.
Smoking	Smoking/vaping is only permitted in the designated smoking area outside.
Grounds	Nettlecombe Court has extensive grounds suitable for outdoor games and many on-site habitats include a stream, woodlands, grasslands and a river a short walk away.
Commercial filming	Permitted
Space for marquee	A marquee can be erected on the croquet lawn to the side of the house. 15m x 22m
Camping/Campfire/BBQ	No/No/No
Music/noise	Please keep noise to a minimum between 11pm and 7am.
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.



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.



Dining hall



Classroom



Bedroom



Bathroom

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.

The local area

Local attractions – Cider farm, Butlins, Tropiquaria, Steam railway, Dunster Castle. Nettlecombe Court is surrounded by historic parkland, which includes many veteran trees. The centre is within easy driving distance of the moorland ecosystems of Exmoor and the Quantock Hills. Both areas have large herds of red deer.

Nearest shops/pubs/bars

Williton is 2.5 miles away and is the closest town. In Williton there are two grocery shops, a post office, several pubs and takeaway restaurants. The closest bank is located in Minehead, 10 miles away.

Nearest pharmacies/surgeries/hospitals

Williton surgery is 3.8 miles away and has a Lloyds pharmacy attached. The closest minor injuries unit is in Minehead Hospital and the closest A&E department is in Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton.

Directions

By road - From the M5: Follow the A358 (from Taunton) or the A39 (from Bridgewater) to Williton and then the A39 towards Minehead. After approximately 1 mile at Washford Cross roundabout (beside the radio masts/Tropiquaria) take the 1st exit onto the B3190 (signposted towards Wiveliscombe/Monksilver). After approximately ¾ mile turn left onto the B3188 (signposted Wiveliscombe/Monksilver/Combe Sydenham). Follow the B3188 into the hamlet of Woodford (approximately 1 mile) and turn right onto Nettlecombe Park Road. After a short while there is a turning to the right signposted to Nettlecombe Court. From Minehead: follow the A39 towards Williton. At Washford Cross roundabout (beside the radio masts/Tropiquaria) take the 3rd exit onto the B3188 (signposted Wiveliscombe/Monksilver). After approximately ¾ mile turn left onto the B3188 (signposted Wiveliscombe/Monksilver/Combe Sydenham). Follow the B3188 into the hamlet of Woodford (approximately 1 mile) and turn right onto Nettlecombe Park Road. After a short while there is a turning to the right signposted to Nettlecombe Court.
Coaches – Please note that it is not advisable to approach the centre on the B3188 from the south as directed by Sat Nav (via Monksilver/Elworthy) For those using a Sat Nav, Nettlecombe Court's postcode is TA4 4HT.

By train/bus - The nearest station is Taunton (15 miles). There are regular buses from the station to Williton, but you will need to get a taxi for the final section to the centre.



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

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to help plan your
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