



“A stone’s throw from the unspoilt and picturesque coastline of South Devon”



Field Studies
Council

Slapton Ley

Slapton Ley is a stone’s throw from the unspoilt and picturesque coastline of South Devon. Slapton Ley Field Centre is located on the Start Bay coast. It’s surrounded by the 210-hectare Slapton Ley National Nature Reserve that includes the 4km long Slapton Sands beach and the largest freshwater lake in the Southwest.

The centre is located within the South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty close to Dartmoor National Park and is within easy reach of the M5 and mainline train station at Totnes. It is located within landscaped grounds with seating areas, shelters, kitchen garden and wildlife areas.

Accommodation is set across four buildings sleeping up to 178 guests across 42 bedrooms.

All types of bookings are welcome 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
- Self-catered, exclusive use of entire centre
- Bed linen, classrooms and common rooms included
- Catering and activities available on request (chargeable)

(Please note: A 5% discount is available if Middlegrounds {sleeps 17 guests} building is not used).

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, sports tours, family groups
- Full board accommodation in allocated bedrooms with bed linen
- Shared common rooms

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

Buildings	4
No. of floors	2
Bed capacity	145 main house – 33 Uplands = 178 in total
No. bedrooms	34 main house – 8 Uplands = 42 in total
Double beds	0
No ensuite/dedicated bathrooms	33 main house – 1 Uplands
Accessible bedrooms/wheelchair access	2 x twin ground floor bedrooms in Chell (main house). Both with walk-in showers and emergency pull-cords.
Accessible space	There are ramps available to access the ground floor of Whitegates (dining room), Mercer and Chell but not Middlegrounds.
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	Towels are not provided – please bring your own.
Dining capacity	The centre has a large dining room seating 90 at one time. 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.
Lounge/common room	There are several sitting rooms with TV's or one for relaxing and chilling out. They are equipped with comfy sofas and chairs.
Games room	There are two games rooms with a range of recreational activities.
Classroom/work rooms	There are eight labs, all with smartboards/AV projectors. Lab 1 (seats 36), Lab 2 (seats 32), Lab 3 (seats 24), Lab 4 (seats 24), Lab 5 (seats 28), Lab 6 (seats 16), Lab 7 is actually the large Games Room (seats 32 with games equipment or can fit 50 conference style), Lab 8 is Uplands living room (seats 16).
Conference space	The largest lab/workroom seats 36. The village hall (which is next door) can be used as a conference space, which will fit about 100 people and is chargeable. Please contact the centre directly for availability and pricing.

Onsite bar	No
Drying room	1
Laundry facilities	No
Onsite shop	There is a shop selling a range of Field Studies Council publications. This is not available to self-catering groups unless special arrangements are made prior to the visit.
Music/noise	Please keep noise to a minimum between 11pm and 7am.
Parking	There are limited parking facilities available at the centre for around 20 cars.
Bike storage	No
Wi-Fi	There is Wi-Fi connection throughout the centre. Mobile signal varies depending on network.
Open fire inside	No
Pets	Pets are not usually allowed. Special arrangements will be made for guide dogs.
Smoking/vaping	Smoking/vaping is only permitted in the designated smoking areas outside.
Grounds	The centre is located within beautiful, landscaped grounds with seating areas, shelters, kitchen garden and wildlife areas. The centre adjoins the 210-hectare National Nature Reserve that includes the 4km long Slapton Sands beach and the largest freshwater lake in the Southwest.
Commercial filming	Permitted
Space for marquee	No
Camping	No
BBQ/fire pit	Yes BBQ and pizza oven, no fire pit.
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:

Chell	<p>Sleeps 90 guests in 17 bedrooms – all en-suite or with dedicated bathrooms</p> <p>Ground floor – 2 x twin (both accessible), 7 x 6-bed</p> <p>First floor – 1 x twin, 7 x 6-bed</p>
Mercer	<p>Sleeps 37 guests in 12 bedrooms – all en-suite or with dedicated bathrooms</p> <p>Ground floor – 1 x single, 1 x triple, 3 x 4-bed, 1 x 7-bed</p> <p>First floor – 2 x single, 1 x twin, 2 x 3-bed, 1 x 4-bed</p>

Uplands	<p>Separate self-catering property. Can be hired along with the main centre.</p> <p>Sleeps 33 guests in 8 bedrooms, 2 en-suite</p> <p>1 x single en-suite, 6 x 4-bed (one is en-suite), 1 x 8-bed</p>
Middlegrounds	<p>Sleeps 18 guests in 5 en-suite bedrooms</p> <p>1 x twin, 1 triple, 2 x 4-bed, 1 x 5-bed</p>



Bedroom



Dining hall



Games room



Lab

The local area

Slapton Village is a short walk away which provides a range of facilities including a community village shop selling fresh produce and two pubs (the Queens Arms and Tower Inn). For walkers and cyclists both the Southwest Coast Path and NCN 28 run close by. Dartmouth and Kingsbridge are 8 miles and can be accessed by bus or car. Totnes is 35 minutes by car and Salcombe is 30 minutes by car. Exeter and Plymouth are 1 hours' drive. The nearest supermarkets/banks can be found in Dartmouth and Kingsbridge.

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

Directions

By car - 20 miles (30km) from A38. Take A384 slip road to A381 Buckfastleigh/Totnes/Dartmouth/Kingsbridge. Turn left onto A381. Continue onto the A381 towards Harberton. Continue, then turn left onto A3122 towards Dartmouth. Pass Dartmouth Golf Club on the left then turn right to follow signs for Slapton. The Field Studies Centre is located on the right-hand side about one kilometre from the main road.

By train - The nearest train station is Totnes (13 miles). Totnes Station is on the Southwest Main Line and is under 3 hours direct from Birmingham New Street and London Paddington. You could then use a taxi service, which takes around 30-40 minutes, to reach the Slapton Ley Field Centre.

By bus - The no. 3 bus Service from Plymouth or Dartmouth to Slapton via Kingsbridge is operated by Stagecoach. The bus stops on Slapton Line and at the village bus stop outside the Centre.

On foot/bicycle - For the more energetic, the Nature Reserve is on the route of a national trail, the Southwest Coastal Path and near Route 28 of the Sustrans National Cycle Network.

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
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