

“Stay with us for your next getaway to the South Wales Coast”

Margam Discovery Centre is a state of the art, low carbon footprint building situated within Margam Park, an 850-acre country estate with approximately 600 deer, including the rare Pere David deer. It is also one of Wales' richest bat locations nestling on the narrow coastal plain and southern slopes of Mynydd Margam. The Centre is just off the M4 between Swansea and Cardiff and has easy access to the Gower National Landscape, a few miles to the west. The Heritage Coast is to the east and Brecon Beacons to the north, as well as access to the diverse and varied landscape of Margam Park. The surrounding area offers a range of ecosystems from freshwater ponds and streams to mixed woodland and grassland.

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 fully catered or self-catering basis. There is also a range of classrooms/meeting rooms available for group use.

Your options:

Hire the whole centre

- Exclusive Use
- Suitable for activity clubs, large gatherings or faith groups
- Fully catered or self-catering available.
- Activities available on request - chargeable
- Bedlinen, classrooms and common rooms all included

Group accommodation with classrooms

- Suitable for special interest groups who need craft or lecture spaces
- Allocated bedrooms with bed linen and full board catering
- 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

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Blocks	4
No. of floors	1
Bed capacity	138
No of bedrooms	32 bedrooms across four corridors - all en-suite
Configuration	(Red) 6 x 4-bed rooms, (Yellow) 1 x 6-bed, 7 x 4-bed rooms, (Blue) 2 x 6-bed, 7 x 4-bed rooms, (Green) 2 x 6-bed, 7 x 4-bed rooms.
Double beds	0
Accessible rooms	Five rooms have been designed specifically for accessibility with specially adapted bathroom facilities. Accessible rooms have a wet room with shower.
Accessible spaces	All areas of the centre can be accessed, lift to first floor in accommodation.
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	Towels are not provided.
Dining capacity in one sitting	110 comfortably, 120 maximum. There is a large glass dining room that seats large groups featuring large wooden tables and benches, with sofas at one end of the room. There are no highchairs, you are however, welcome to bring your own.
Bar	Please note any alcohol must be purchased from our on-site bar. There is only a licenced bar on-site when all visitors on site are over 18. Bring your own alcohol is not permitted.
Lounge/common room/games room	The centre has a range of recreation areas. There are two common rooms with digital TV, board games and hot and cold drink making facilities.
Class/work rooms and capacities	The centre has four classroom teaching facilities with interactive whiteboards and wireless internet access: Afan - 30 school pupils seated with tables or 25 adults conference style. Dulais - 30 school pupils seated with tables or 25 adults conference style. Need - 30 school pupils seated or 25 adults conference style. Tawe - 30 school pupils seated or 25 adults conference style.
Conference space	There isn't a dedicated conference space other than the dining room. There is a nearby village hall that could also be suitable. Please get in touch for more information.

Drying room	Yes
Laundry facilities	No
Onsite shop	No
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.
WiFi	Wireless Internet available in education rooms, common rooms and in some bedrooms. Mobile signal varies depending on network.
Parking	There is car parking space for approx. 30 vehicles.
Bike storage	There is an outside bike rack to accommodate five bikes.
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. Non-smoking building.
Grounds	There is also a large outdoor space with footballs, rugby balls, rounders and cricket sets available. Margam Country Park is fully accessible to visitors to the Discovery Centre and hosts a variety of attractions. http://www.margamcountrypark.co.uk/
Space for marquee	Flat area in car park.
Camping	No
Commercial filming	Permitted
Fire pit	The fire pit is available but has to be monitored by Field Studies Council staff.
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 see our activities here or ask for more information.



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.



The local area/nearest shops/pubs

Shops:

Asda supermarket (Pyle) 2.7 miles 45 minute walk away.
Morrisons supermarket (Port Talbot) 6 miles 15 minute drive away.
There are further banks/shops in Port Talbot.

Pubs:

The Twelve Knights pub (Margam, Port Talbot) 2.4 miles,
Rose and Crown pub (Nottage) 7.7 miles,
Prince of Wales pub (Kenfig) 3.7 miles.
(These can only be driven to.)

Hospitals/pharmacies

Asda has a pharmacy.
Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend 11 miles/20 mins drive.



Common room



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Bedroom



Margam Country Park

Directions

By road - Margam Country Park is easily accessible off Junction 38 of the M4 Motorway. If travelling from Swansea take Junction 38 and continue along the A48 signposted to Pyle. You pass the main gates to Margam Country Park and continue for just over a mile until you reach a very short section of dual carriageway. Just after the start of the dual carriageway you will see a brown sign on your left for Margam Discovery Centre and Twyn yr Hydd House, turn left here down the slip road until you approach a large set of double gates. If travelling from Cardiff, take junction 38 off the M4 motorway and go right around the large roundabout and take the A48 signposted to Pyle, the rest is the same as for the Swansea directions.

By train - Frequent Great Western links London Paddington, Reading, Swindon and Bristol Parkway (connections from northeast England and Midlands) with Port Talbot. Arriva Trains Wales direct to Port Talbot from Cardiff, Newport, Hereford, Shrewsbury, Crewe and Manchester, with connections at Cardiff from south and west of England. For overseas visitors, there are good rail/air links from London Gatwick & Heathrow, Bristol and Cardiff International Airports. Bus X1 from outside Port Talbot train station; taxis are also available at station minibus transfer or taxi from centre possible from Port Talbot Parkway – approximately 10 miles away. Train information National Rail Enquiries: 08457 48 49 50

By bus - There are stops at the main road entrance, it's a 15 minutes' walk to the reception area. **From Bridgend & Pyle:** First Cymru X1 **From Neath:** First Cymru 226 or 227 to Port Talbot Bus Station, then X1 From Port Talbot Bus & Train Stations: First Cymru X1 **From Swansea:** First Cymru X1 Bus information Traveline Cymru; 0871 200 22 33; text 84268

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Access through centre gates

You will arrive at two sets of gates. The Margam Discovery Centre gates are the gates to the right and signposted 'Margam Discovery Centre'. You will need to press the CALL button in the silver box to the right of the gates to gain entry. Please speak clearly, specifying your name and organisation, our centre staff will activate the gates to allow you access.

Once inside the park, please follow signs to Margam Discovery Centre (left for cars, right for coaches). Once you have crossed the little stone bridge, take the next left and follow the road to the Discovery Centre.

The centre car park is at the back of the building. Please park your vehicle and report to reception.



www.field-studies-council.org/locations/margam/



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Please contact us
and our friendly
team will be happy
to help plan your
stay.