

Cwmcarn Forest Drive – Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the Forest Drive opening times throughout the year?

Easter – October 10am – 6pm (last entry 4pm)
November – Easter 10am – 4pm (last entry 2pm)

2. How much does it cost?

The price below also enables free parking on the valley floor (please remember to display your ticket on dashboard)

Car	£10
Motorbike	£5
Minibus (1-16 seats)	£18.50
Coach (17+ seater)	£35.00

3. Can I pre- book?

Unfortunately, pre booking is not available.

4. How do I pay?

You can pay with either card or cash at the Forest Drive pay lodge barrier.

5. How long does it take see the entire drive?

The drive is 7 miles long and takes approximately 30 minutes to complete if you do not stop at any of the car parks along the way, depending on capacity. The average visit lasts around 2 hours.

6. How long can we spend on the drive?

There is no limit to how long you spend on your visit, you are welcome to stay from opening to closing (please remember to check closing times on day of visit).

7. I need to pop home as I have forgotten something, can I leave and come back later?

Unfortunately, no, once you exit the drive there is no re-entry (unless you pay the admission fee again)

8. I missed a car park; can I turn around and go back?

The drive is a one-way system so unfortunately not, once you pass a particular car park or viewpoint, you cannot turn around or reverse, so please plan accordingly using the map provided at the barrier. Alternatively, you can download a copy of the map from our website before your visit <http://www.cwmcarnforest.co.uk/activities>
Please note phone signal is intermittent in some locations so we advise downloading prior to visiting.

9. Do you offer season tickets?

Yes, annual passes are available from the Visitor Centre. Vehicle registration is required for applications and is non-transferable.

Prices per vehicle are: -

Car £75.00

Motorbike £37.50

Minibus (1-16 seats) £125.00

10. Can I bring a BBQ?

Yes of course. Our car parks have dedicated BBQ areas (Car Parks 1, 3, 4 & 6), but please respect our facilities and dispose of your BBQ correctly in the bins provided.

NOTE: Disposable BBQs only. NO coal BBQs are permitted.

11. Is the drive fully accessible?

We're please to inform visitors that all our car parks along the newly improved drive are fully accessible with designated disabled parking bays and toilets in car parks 1, 3, 4 & 6.

12. What facilities are along the drive?

The drive is equipped with toilets and baby changing facilities. We are appealing to all visitors to avoid parking in disabled bays unless you are authorised to do so.

13. What if I get locked in after closing time?

Last entry is 2 hours prior to closing, this allows ample time to see the drive, please ensure you give yourself plenty of time to visit and plan accordingly. We would advise that you reach the exit with a few minutes to spare as the barrier is locked promptly at appropriate closing time.

Our rangers will check to drive prior to locking the barrier, however in the unlikely event you are locked in please contact 07817 002874 to be released (a charge of £40 will apply, payable prior to release).

14. The weather isn't looking great, are you open?

During inclement weather such as snow, fog, mist or if the drive is particularly icy, we reserve the right to close the drive without notice due to health and safety. Please keep an eye on our social media accounts where we will make announcements or contact the visitor centre on 01495 272001 on the day of your visit.

15. I want to avoid crowds, when is the best time to visit?

We have ample parking for up to 120 cars along the 7-mile route, but if you would prefer a less crowded experience we advise arriving early and avoiding peak times e.g. weekends and school holidays.

16. I'm at the barrier and there is a queue, are you full?

The drive has a capacity of 120 cars, if this is reached, we will operate a one in one out policy.