

Shaly, July 2016

Rachel and Jonathan were the perfect hosts. Warm and very welcoming from the moment we arrived until our departure. Rachel took the kids to feed the animals while my husband and I had a quiet cup of tea together in the lovely summer house. The hut is located on their beautiful land with lovely flowers and gorgeous pond. Our kids also loved the huge trampoline and tree house. We give our first experience full marks and I think much of that is thanks to Rachel and Jonathan's hospitality. It's definitely worth a stay either in the hut or the adjacent marvellous gypsy caravan. Glamping at its finest! Hope to see you guys again.

Sophie, July 2016

We stayed in the hut (with our 2 and 4 yr old) at Fernwood as a compromise to camping in a tent given the recent weather conditions. It was a very last minute arrangement, but Rachel was very accommodating and welcomed us despite not giving her much time to prepare for our arrival. On arrival we were shown to the Shepherd's hut which is beautifully designed with a rustic earthy feel. The wood burning stove, fairy lights and little candles make for a magical feel and the little extras (tea, coffee, fruit, marshmallows etc) make it instantly homely and welcoming. You can really tell that so much thought has gone into the place, they really have thought of everything! From robes to crocs, blankets to teddy bears and high quality bedding to top it off. There wasn't a great deal of space for a family of four but it was very very comfortable - especially the bed. The kids were also warm and cosy in their thick sleeping bags.

The compost toilet was a few steps down the garden, two toilet seats with one 'resting' and the other in operation. The children were fascinated that they didn't need flushing but instead you throw a scoop of sawdust down. All very clean and quirky, lit with fairy lights and quotes from the Dalai Lama on the wall to get you thinking about how to get the best out of life!

Our wonderful breakfast had been left in the summerhouse across the garden. Full of delicious goodies all beautifully presented in a wicker hamper. We sat and had our breakfast looking out to the pond and then after played a few of the games that were on the shelf in there. Altogether a lovely place and I would recommend to anyone considering staying here.

Nicola, Aug 2016

I loved Fernwood! I've stayed in many unusual places in Europe (I nearly wrote a directory of them a few years ago) and this is of an exceptionally high standard.

Our stay at the Gypsy Caravan was magical! Rachel and Jonathan were warm and friendly hosts who made us feel very welcome. The caravan was clean, comfortable and fully equipped with everything we needed plus some very thoughtful extras too. It is exactly as shown in the pictures but actually more beautiful. The area is peaceful but the major attractions not too far away. We would stay here again and whole heartedly recommend it to others.

Ruth August 2016

What a great find! Rachel and Jonathan are incredible hosts for this idyllic glamping experience. We are a family of four- 2 girls under the age of 5 and we stayed in their Gypsy caravan for 2 nights. Rachel and Jonathan thought of all the small details to make our first glamping experience a great one! Such as marshmallows to toast on a fire come the evening, snuggly rugs, a gorgeous tea set for a morning cup of tea and fairy lights to light up the inside of the caravan after dark. We even saw deer from the forest grazing in the field behind. As novice campers we were a little nervous of the compost toilet but they kept it really well- no smell and a nice clean environment. They were ideally located right in the New Forest so we went for a wonderful walk and saw the wild horses and cattle roaming. We also went off to the beach for the day which was a short car journey away. We would truly recommend for a wonderful stay