

'The most perfect wedding in the most perfect place! We had the best day ever! Thanks for absolutely everything.'

fforest

Weddings at fforest
everything you need to know

'THE BEST WEDDING EVER!! Thanks so much for making my wedding so wonderful. This is the most idyllic spot and the attention to detail is exceptional. Everyone has had a magical weekend.'



A wedding at fforest is unique but captures the essence of what fforest is all about, embracing the natural environment and drawing on the ever-changing template presented by the seasons. The wedding party books all of the accommodation and facilities, including the Giant Hat Tipi and barn area, so fforest becomes home for you and your guests for the entire weekend.

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'We had the most magical weekend ever in this gorgeous place, and we can't thank Sian, James, Cassy, Kev and ALL the staff enough for everything they've done'



'Words can't really describe what an amazing place you have here. We have had the best week and certainly the best wedding that could be conceived. Each and every guest wants to return and that says it all.'



About fforest

The 200 acres of woodland, grazed pasture and wild meadow which makes up fforest farm are bounded to the east by the longest river in Wales, the Afon (river) Teifi, and by the Teifi Marshes nature reserve to the west. All over the site you will find different views across the Preseli mountains, ancient woodland, water meadow and traditional farmland.

Our aim when conceiving the camp at fforest was to create a place to enjoy the simplicity, pleasures and beauty of outdoor living in an outstanding natural environment. We take away the hassle of preparation, setup and cooking by providing everything you will need to enjoy the best of the outdoor experience.

The camp provides a beautiful backdrop for events, a natural green canvas for your wedding celebrations.

Speaking of canvas, fforest's roots are in tented accommodation from the humble nomad tunnel tent, through the threepis, bells and romantic geodesic domes, ending with the hat tipi event spaces.

But for those that really can't hack life under canvas we have created our croglofts, 4 beautiful interlinked cottages converted from one of our farm buildings. These are perfect for parents of the bride and groom, parents of parents and those who just need to be pampered.

A wedding at fforest

A wedding at fforest is a weekend long celebration with family and friends. We host humanist weddings in the Giant Hat Tipi, but also hold a civil marriage and partnership licence to enable you to make your commitment legally binding in front of a handful of witnesses while you are on site, if you wish. We meet all of your catering and alcohol requirements on the wedding day, but it doesn't need to stop there, if you don't want it to. Additional group catering is available from light informal lunches to multi-course gourmet dinners.

If you want to experience life beyond the camp boundaries, enrol your party on some fforest activities exploring the rocks, rivers and coastline in this beautiful part of Wales.

'As soon as we first set eyes on fforest we fell in love with it – and we knew that it would be the most fantastic place for our wedding'



The Wedding venues

fforest is all about the outdoors. The bits in between (drinks on our terrace, chatting in the courtyard, lounging on the lawn, woodland walks, a sing song 'round our firepit) but when you need to come inside for the more formal bits of the day, these are our event locations and how they (usually) work.

The lodge is the heart of the camp. This is where your civil ceremony will be held if you wish to have your marriage or partnership made legal while you are on site. The lodge is also a communal area where breakfasts and other meals may be served. The lounge area has sofas for relaxing and the terrace has tables and seating looking out over the lawns and the marshes beyond.

The Giant Hat Tipi is the location for your humanist ceremony as well as the focal point for some of the ensuing festivities. It can accommodate more than 100 people seated for the ceremony. If the weather permits, the canvas sides will be lifted during the ceremony to enable you to enjoy a backdrop of fforest meadows. During the ceremony, the tipi will be lit by tealight chandeliers. In the evening the Giant Hat Tipi transforms to an entertainment space, accommodating music and dancing, or seating for dinner, or a film show and chill out space for the kids.

The barn is the home for all of the dining on the wedding day. It can accommodate around 100 people at long tables. We will dress it with bunting, candelabras and fresh flowers and foliage from the farm. We also set the tables for the wedding tea party with vintage crockery.

The bwthyn is the original fforest crogloft, an old crofter's cottage with slate stone walls and inglenook fireplace, housing our on-site bar. The bwthyn is romantically lit by tealight chandeliers for your wedding and serves Welsh beers, ciders and spirits, organic soft drinks and a selection of wines and champagne.



'An experience that will never be forgotten and I don't imagine it will ever be topped!'



The wedding ceremony

We offer the Giant Hat Tipi as the focus for your day. Here you will have a humanist ceremony, conducted by a celebrant, who can either be registered in the local area, or can be a member of your wedding party – a close friend or relative who isn't afraid of public speaking and can add something really special to the occasion. The humanist ceremony is completely flexible and your opportunity to put your stamp on the day and make this a unique celebration to remember. We can assist you with sound and lighting, staging, film or slide shows—so if your vision of exchanging your vows includes acoustic guitar, rapping, juggling, taking your dog up the aisle with you, or anything else that the average venue may flinch at just run the idea past us and we'll try to work with you to make it happen.

In order to make your humanist ceremony as personal as possible, it is wonderful if you can find someone who knows you both and is happy to conduct the proceedings. However, we have entertained some excellent local celebrants at fforest that we are happy to recommend if you would like to have a professional for the job. He/ she will ideally meet with you before the ceremony, to get to know you and discuss your requirements in order to tailor the ceremony to suit you. Call us on 01239 623633 if you would like to discuss possible celebrants with us.

'In fact we can't really thank you enough for making our wedding weekend so incredibly special. We are enormously privileged to have found a place where you knew exactly what we wanted without us really saying! The whole team at fforest are lovely and thoughtful people, and all of our guests commented on how wonderful people they came into contact with were.'



The wedding ceremony

N.B. To be legally married in the UK you are currently obliged to have a religious or civil ceremony. The focal point of your wedding at fforest will be the humanist ceremony held in the Giant Hat Tipi. This ceremony is not legally binding, so you can make it as personal as you wish. fforest holds a licence to host civil wedding and partnership ceremonies, if you wish to formalise the arrangement whilst you are on site.

If, in addition to your humanist ceremony, you choose to have a civil ceremony at fforest, this will take place in the lodge in front of your chosen witnesses. If you would like a civil ceremony at fforest please check the current notice requirements directly with the registrar for Pembrokeshire. You will need to book the registrar well in advance to ensure your chosen date and time.

For civil weddings and partnerships at fforest you will need to contact the Registrar for Pembrokeshire:

Barbara Eynon,
The Register Office,
Tower Hill,
Haverfordwest
SA61 1SS,
Tel: 01437 775176

Email: barbara.eynon@pembrokeshire.gov.uk

'Thank you everyone for a most wonderful four days — the wedding was amazing'



Accommodation

You and your guests will have exclusive access to the camp and its facilities for the weekend. We therefore require that a minimum of 80% of the accommodation is paid for. We have a total of 20 units accommodating between 40 and 100 people.

Accommodation and venue hire is based on either a **2** or **3** night stay. If you or any of your guests choose, you are welcome to stay for longer either before or after the wedding weekend. Please talk to us if you would like to come earlier, stay for your honeymoon or make it a wedding week!

Accommodation Types:

- Nomad (8 available)
- Threepi (5 Available)
- Bell (3 Available)
- Dome (8 Available)
- Crog loft (4 Available)

For some images and more detailed information about each type of accommodation and our camp facilities, go to our website: www.coldatnight.co.uk

All of our tents are on raised wooden decks with an outside seating area. All are furnished with beds or mattress pads, reindeer hides or Welsh wool blankets and a giant lounging sack. Although luxurious and comfortable by camping standards, our tents don't have electricity. To prepare for the wedding you may want to ensure that you have access to a crog loft - the ideal accommodation for parents of the bride and groom.



'Had the most fantastic wedding – perfect setting, brilliant staff and superb loft!'



Nomad – A traditional Dutch tunnel tent. Sleeps up to 4 adults or 2 adults and 3/4 children, either open plan or split into two sleeping pods.

Threepi – Like a tipi but three times as good. Our threepi sleeps a group or family of up to 5 in an open plan space around a central wood-burning stove.

Bell – A traditional military-style circular tent, sleeping a group or family of 5. It also has a wood burning stove plus an extra thermal liner, making it ideal for families with younger children.

Dome - Spacious and light, with a large bay window looking out into the landscape, the dome comes with a king-size bed and a wood burning stove. Ideal for couples or young families – our most romantic offering, perfect for the wedding couple.

Crog Loft – Created from a converted farm building in the style of an old Welsh crofter's cottage, each crog loft offers open-plan accommodation for a group or family of 4. Each is comfortably furnished with underfloor heating and a private wet room. It also features a separate living area, a spacious covered outdoor terrace and plenty of home comforts. This is the perfect option for parents and grandparents or those who just can't do canvas.

'The best food imaginable with such wonderful attentive staff. We want to stay longer and will definitely come back – thank you.'



food at fforest

Our menus change regularly to reflect local produce in season, including vegetables and salads from our own garden. We will be happy to discuss with you suitable seasonal options once we have an idea of possible dates for your wedding.

Arrival supper

With guests arriving at varying times it is difficult to organise anything too formal on your arrival day. We therefore suggest that if you would like a communal meal with your guests you have something informal that can be served as people arrive. The bar will be open so this can be a very relaxed affair with people drifting between lodge or barn and bwthyn.

Breakfasts

All of our accommodation is provided on a bed and breakfast basis. Breakfast is a communal affair served at the lodge in the heart of the camp. Included in the accommodation price is one slap up Welsh brunch which you can either take on the wedding morning to carry your guests through to the tea party, or as a morning after lazy graze to allow a long lie-in after the festivities.

Wedding day catering

Your wedding ceremony is followed by drinks on the lawn or terrace, before you take your seats for a fforest tea party. Your guests will be tempted with a mouth-watering array of savoury and/or sweet delights served in the barn from vintage crockery with linen tablecloths and silver candelabras—a picture of rustic decadence.

In the early evening we offer you a hog or lamb roast, with a wide selection of salads and accompaniments, served in a relaxed environment spilling out into the outdoors. This can be followed by a delicious home-made seasonal pudding, if you choose. We are surrounded by an abundance of wonderful cheese-makers, making a local cheeseboard with fforest chutneys an absolute must at some point during the weekend .

We offer vegetarian alternatives and also cater to specific dietary needs.

"We wanted to thank you for looking after us and our families so well. You really made the whole experience perfect with generous hospitality and amazing cooking all done with a smile which put us all at ease."



Sample Wedding Tea Party Menu

Sandwiches—choice of 4 from below

locally smoked salmon/trout
roast beef, horseradish & watercress
Perl Wen (similar to brie) & red onion jam
egg mayo, cress & poppy seed
humous & beetroot
chicken, pesto & rocket
local ham & whole grain mustard

Cupcakes—choice of 3 from below

lavender
red velvet (beetroot)
victoria plum
lemon curd
strawberry cheesecake
white & dark chocolate
stem ginger
maple & pecan
blueberry & vanilla
citrus & poppy seed

Tray bakes—choice of 3 from below

courgette & lemon
strawberry & cinnamon torte
pear, hazelnut & chocolate
chocolate brownie
coffee & walnut
lemon/lime drizzle
gingerbread
spiced apple with maple icing
chocolate & Guinness

Meringues – choice of 2 from below

rose water & pistachio
blackcurrant
hazelnut & cinnamon
white chocolate & raspberries



Sample Spring / Summer Wedding Evening Menu

Choice of either hog or lamb spit roast

(lamb recommended for parties of 60 or less)

Vegetarian Piedmont peppers

Hog / Peppers accompanied by:
cider apple sauce
mxd leaves
herby potato & radish salad
carrot & apple Moorish slaw
assorted locally baked baps

Lamb / Peppers accompanied by:

tabouleh
tzatziki
watermelon, feta & black olive salsa
chickpea & cucumber salad with a lemon, garlic & chilli dressing

Optional dessert –choice of:

lemon posset topped with raspberries served with vanilla shortbread
rhubarb crumble with ice cream / custard
raspberry & apricot bread pudding with cream
chocolate croissant pudding
boozy chocolate pots served with orange polenta biscuits
self-saucing lemon pudding

All our food is made freshly for you at fforest and all produce is locally sourced, often from our own farm. Menus are subject to change depending on the season and the availability of produce.

We will cater for any special dietary needs there may be in your party.

'Thank you from the bottom of my heart for a fantastic wedding. A truly beautiful experience, location and brilliant pub! Every single person who came has been touched by the place. Brilliant staff. What more can I say?'



Drinks at fforest

fforest holds a full alcohol and entertainments licence, enabling you to party outdoors (or under canvas) until midnight and indoors until the early hours. We have an on-site bar which will be open for most of the weekend, certainly every evening and throughout the wedding day. We also serve alcoholic drinks with your meals, whether served in the bwthyn, barn or lodge.



Y Bwthyn

The bwthyn is an original crofter's cottage, or crog loft, restored to house our on-site pub, complete with inglenook fireplace and traditional Welsh furnishings. When lit by our tealight chandeliers it creates a magical atmosphere. Here we serve local beers and ciders and Welsh spirits, as well as our wine selection. We also stock a range of organic non-alcoholic drinks.

Beers and ciders

Our house bottled beers are winners of numerous True Taste awards, brewed to traditional methods and free from chemical interference. They are produced just up the coast at an artisanal brewery and offer something for every palate from light and citrusy through to dark, thick and malty. We also offer a keg ale, brewed in Wales to a traditional recipe dating back to 1885 offering a full-bodied spicy and aromatic flavour.

Our national and international award-winning house bottled ciders are produced using traditional farmhouse methods in South Wales. Beware - they pack quite a punch!



Cocktails

You may want to start married life with a traditional glass of champagne, but we also offer Pimms and sangria or, dependent on the season, you may prefer a warming glass of mulled wine. We also offer a small selection of house cocktails that we are happy to mix for you by prior arrangement. Let us know if you would like to see a current cocktail list. To accompany your wedding brunch we offer fforest's spicy Bloody Marys, to make sure you start your day with a bang.

Wines

We have a small but perfectly formed wine list with a reasonably priced selection of wines, sparkling wines and champagne. The list will change from time to time but we will be happy to forward you a current list.

Bringing your own drinks

You are welcome to organise your own wines for the wedding day, subject to our corkage fees. If you choose this option we will be happy to take delivery of your wine and store it until the wedding day. Our corkage fees are:

£7 per bottle of wine

£8 per bottle of sparkling wine or champagne

This charge covers taking delivery of and storing your wines, chilling or storing at the correct temperature, provision and pre- and post-cleaning of the appropriate glasses as well as obviously serving at the agreed times.

'Amazing wedding in a fantastic location – could not have been better'



Entertainment & Music

Live music & dj's

We have a full entertainment licence permitting amplified music and dancing in the Giant Hat Tipi until midnight. Once the party in the tipi ends, move on to the bwthyn to carry on the celebrations until the early hours.

The choice of music and entertainment is up to you, but we will co-ordinate the logistics and technical side directly on your behalf. We are able to recommend a wide variety of local performers or if you have someone in mind, put us in touch with them and we will work out the practical details with them. We do charge a small management fee for this service, but it means you can relax and be assured that their performance under canvas goes without a hitch.

Films & slideshows

We have a projector and screen available to use throughout your stay. Whether you want to embarrass your beloved with a slide show of the early years, keep the kids entertained while you have fun elsewhere, or set the scene for your weekend by sharing a film that is very personal to you on the eve of your wedding, we can set up a mini-cinema in a choice of locations (inside and outside) at the camp.

Kids' facilities

If you are planning on having a number of children at the wedding let us know and we can discuss options for keeping them entertained. We can organise a workshop while you are having your drinks reception, or a film show and a chill out zone while you're dancing the night away. Once you have an idea of how many children are attending and their ages give us a call and we can run through some options to enable the adults to relax and enjoy the day.



Additional wedding services

Photography and video

We have worked with some amazing not-so-local photographers that we would be willing to recommend and who would be more than happy to come and stay at fforest again. Some examples of their work are featured in this brochure and on our website (although most of the photos we feature are taken by James, the owner). Alternatively you may want to find your own photographer. If they have any specific technical requirements we should discuss these in advance. Please remember if your photographer is travelling any distance he/she will need to be considered for catering and potentially for accommodation too.

Flowers and venue dressing

fforest is set in 200 acres of woodland, so foliage is not an issue here. Alice, our wonderful gardener, has a wild flower meadow and sets aside a section for cutting flowers in her vegetable garden each season, perfect for dressing your venue. Fresh seasonal flowers from the grounds are always on display. We also dress the barn and bwthyn with bunting and light the hat tipi and bwthyn with tealight chandeliers. For the wedding tea party the barn tables are laid with vintage linen and crockery.

Hair and makeup

If you would like some professional assistance with your make-up and/or nails on your wedding day we are happy to co-ordinate for a local make-up artist to visit you at your accommodation. Please book early to avoid disappointment as she really is rather special.

'A truly special time, beautiful surroundings, amazing food, sky lanterns, fabulous people and an experience to remember forever. Thank you.'



Fires, fireworks and lanterns

Fires Even summer evenings can be a little chilly later on. As fforest weddings embrace the outdoors we bring the heat to you, with our huge firebowls located around the communal areas, rather than encouraging everyone to rush indoors. There is also a large communal firepit, perfect for toasting marshmallows and having a good old-fashioned sing song. If conditions get really crisp we start up the fire in the bwthyn's inglenook and light the woodburner in the lodge.

In your accommodation you will find either under-floor heating or a woodburner (except the nomad tents) so you won't be too cold at night. We do request that fires, including woodburners, are never left unattended.

Fireworks We are sensitive to the local wildlife, and it can be pretty sensitive to fireworks. For this reason we don't have them at fforest very often, but if they are part of your dream scenario we will work with you to come up with a low impact solution.

Sky lanterns Invite your guests to let off sky lanterns after dusk. When released simultaneously they make a breathtaking sight. Releasing lanterns is considered good luck in Thai culture, with the belief that misfortune will float away with the lanterns. It is also traditional to make a wish when releasing a lantern - a lovely gesture from your guests. We only allow bamboo-framed bio-degradable lanterns, which we are happy to supply, to avoid risk to local wildlife. Please note that lantern release is subject to suitable weather conditions.

Other local Suppliers

Most of our wedding couples are not local to the area, so need a little guidance when sourcing local specialists for their big day. Let us know if you need help with any aspect of your planning or just require some in-tent pampering to help you relax and we will liaise with our local contacts.



Activities

fforest's mantra is active relaxation. You'll be pretty busy over the weekend, but even if you don't find time (and hopefully you will) your guests will probably want to explore some of the local area and get a taste of what the landscape has to offer. What better way to get to know our neck of the woods than donning a wetsuit and joining fforest outdoor to explore our rugged coastline with some sea-based activities.

Or for a more sedate option, especially if you have guests with young children at the wedding, a canoe trip along the Teifi Gorge (suitable from 2 years) will make the weekend even more memorable, especially if your guests catch sight of a kingfisher or an otter.

fforest has a range of activities that can be tailored to suit your wedding party. Most activities last approximately 2-2½ hours and do not require any prior experience. All equipment is supplied. For a taste of the activities we have available visit

<http://www.coldatnight.co.uk/activities-and-courses.html>

If making a group booking, the timings of activities and the duration of trips can be adapted to suit your requirements, so don't worry about tying the knot while you're still wearing a wetsuit! Minimum group sizes apply for private activity sessions, and this can all be explained by your wedding coordinator.

We will require that activities for 10 or more guests be paid for in full at least 4 weeks prior to arrival at the campsite. This guarantees your booking and ensures that your party receives exclusive tuition. It is advisable to book activities for parties of any size prior to arrival to avoid disappointment.

We can also organise transport for larger groups for the activities that have a starting point a little further afield.

'We've had a fantastic stay, very welcoming and enjoyable and a great wedding occasion and venue. Best venue for the kids, fabulous weekend, many thanks.'

Stuff for kids

fforest hosts a range of activities to ease the pressure of having to entertain smaller guests. Dependent on ages and numbers we can organise craft or bushcraft sessions, archery or a film show.

Our organised activities range from 1½-2½ hours and give the kids the opportunity to have fun and learn whilst doing something practical. The activities are intended to teach new, safe skills in a natural setting with trained staff who have experience of working with children.

Workshops available

Junior Bushcraft - camp fire and shelter building

Target Archery

Campfire food

Candle holders

Stick pencil making

Woodland beads and bracelets

Woodland picture frames

Minimum ages apply, but most activities are suitable for ages 6 and above.

If you don't want anything too structured for the younger members of your party we can set up a chill out zone with giant beanbags and allow them to take advantage of the lawn in front of the lodge.

Because the accommodation is spread out we do request that young children are never left unattended in accommodation. If you would like your guests' younger children to be looked after in the evening so that the parents can join in the party please talk to us about childminding options.



Wedding Schedule guide

The schedule below is an illustration of what fforest can organise for you.

Friday

4.00pm

Check-in for all resident guests

6.30pm

Drinks in the bwthyn

8.00pm

Evening meal for all guests

9.00pm

Film show and/or drinks in the bar

Saturday

10am-12pm

Brunch served for resident guests

2.00pm

Civil Ceremony for couple & witnesses only

2.30pm

Humanist Ceremony in Giant Hat Tipi with all guests

3.00pm

Drinks reception on the lawn and time for photos

4.30pm

Afternoon tea in barn

6.00pm

Games on the lawn

7.30pm

Hog Roast or similar informal dinner

8.30pm

Release sky lanterns on lawn

9.00pm

Music and dancing in the Giant Hat Tipi

12.00am

Music and dancing ends in the Giant hat tipi
(but celebrations continue in the bwthyn)

2.00am

Last orders in the bwthyn

Sunday

8.00-10.00am

Breakfast served in lodge for resident guests

12.00pm

Check out (if staying for 2 nights only)

2.00-5.00pm

Activity e.g. canoeing, kayaking, coasteering, etc

6.00pm

Kids' film show

7.00pm

Informal evening meal

Monday

8.00-10.00am

Breakfast served in Lodge

10.00am

Check-out

Thanks for providing the perfect location for the perfect wedding. Well worth the trip from Melbourne!

Price guide

The fforest wedding package comprises:

- . Exclusive use of the whole campsite*, including the Giant Hat Tipi, barn and bwthyn for wedding party and guests - around 100 people (minimum of 80 people).
- . Wedding couple's accommodation for up to 3 (consecutive) nights.
- . Preparation of the Giant Hat Tipi, including seating and chandeliers, for the humanist ceremony
- . Preparation of the barn for meals, including tablecloths, vintage crockery and cakestands, cutlery, cheeseboards and glasses for the tea party and enamelware for the informal dinner
- . Preparation and use of the lodge for (optional) civil ceremony
- . Set up of Giant Hat Tipi for entertainment (including PA system)
- . Set up of projector and screen for slide / film shows
- . Bunting and decorative lighting
- . Bar
- . Additional bathroom facilities located to the back of the lodge

The price for the wedding package for weddings in 2012 as detailed above is £4390.00 inclusive of VAT.

Catering prices for 2012 start at £45.00 per person for the wedding day (two meals), with reduced child and early teen prices, to include an afternoon tea party (savoury and sweet) and evening meal (e.g. hog roast), increasing to £50.00 if you add a dessert.

In addition to the basic package, you have the option to add extras such as entertainment, nibbles, drinks, sky lanterns or additional meals. Prices are available on request.

*All of the accommodation is exclusively reserved for the wedding party and guests for the weekend and attracts an additional charge. We assume that your guests will pay for their own accommodation, but prices are available on request. A minimum of 80% of the accommodation must be booked / paid for.

Payment structure

fforest will take a minimum 25% deposit to secure your booking (based on an estimated final cost). At this point your wedding is considered confirmed and the deposit and all subsequent payments become non-refundable. You are strongly advised to take out independent wedding insurance to cover cancellation or curtailment. The following fee structure applies to your wedding booking:

Time before wedding date that payment is received	Amount due (based on estimate for total wedding package)
At time of booking	25% Deposit
6 months	25%
3 months	25%
4 weeks	25% outstanding balance

In the unfortunate event that it is necessary to cancel your wedding you may notify us by phone, but we request that you confirm the cancellation in writing. Please call us on 01239 623633

Please send written confirmation to:

fforest, No. 1 Cambrian Quay, Cardigan, Ceredigion, SA43 1EZ