



CHRISTIE LODGE

HOUSE RULES

The following rules are for your safety and enjoyment while you are staying at Christie Lodge. As the lodge overlooks the stunning and recently restored historic Japanese Garden there are set house rules which are more unusual than other places you may have stayed in..! Cowden Garden is leased to a charity: The Japanese Garden at Cowden SCIO.

- 1) The boundary with the Japanese Garden is more or less in a straight east west line just below the lodge. There is a gate to the garden within the boundary yew hedge. The lodge property includes an eating out area and a woodland path with young planting either side of the path. Access to the Japanese Garden is permitted during visitor opening hours and also on days when the garden is closed to the public (for opening hours please visit www.cowdengarden.com). Access on days when the garden is closed is granted on the proviso there are staff members working in the garden (for your own safety). Please be aware that to maintain the garden, standard machinery e.g. mowers and strimmers are used but this work is usually between the hours of 8.00am and 10.00am except the days when they take advantage of the garden being closed to visitors.
- 2) The Japanese Garden at Cowden SCIO reserve the right to close the garden during adverse weather conditions including: winds over 40 mph, snow, ice and flooding.
- 3) You are responsible for the supervision of all members of your party including those under the age of 18 at all times inside and outside the property. There is a large pond in front of the lodge, this is not suitable for swimming (leeches, shallow water and rocks). Sturdy footwear is advised at all times when walking at Cowden due to the bridges and stepping stones.
- 4) Pets are not permitted in the property.
- 5) Please respect the local community and keep noise levels to a minimum, particularly between the hours of 11pm and 8am.
- 6) Smoking (including e-cigarettes and vapes) is not allowed inside the property.
- 7) Your booking is for a maximum of four people and the lodge is not equipped or insured for more guests.
- 8) Electricity is included up to the amount of £40.00 per stay and is otherwise charged at cost (it will be deducted from your security deposit).

- 9) Drone and unmanned vehicles are not allowed to be used on or from our site without permission.
- 10) You are not permitted to use domestic power sockets to charge an electric or hybrid vehicle, including electric bikes or scooters. There is pay to use EV charger in the public car park.
- 11) Fire risks including candles, fireworks, lanterns, firepits are not permitted at the property.
- 12) Linen and towels are included in the rental of the property. Please bring swimming towels if you are visiting the coast.
- 13) If playing golf please do not wear golf shoes with studs inside the property.
- 14) If you use the outside seating area please bring in glasses and plates etc into the house after use due to wind/wildlife.
- 15) Please be careful when using the blinds in the sitting room as they can not be automated and the 'strings' come apart easily if used with force. The winding mechanism is UK standard issue due to health and safety reasons.
- 16) There is an information folder within the property with instructions for all the machines. If you use your own TV apps please remember to log out when you leave...!
- 17) Fire doors are in each of the bedrooms, these are only to be used in emergencies.
- 18) You are responsible for locking the doors and windows when the lodge is unoccupied. This is particularly important due to the surrounding area being open to the public.

Thank you,



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