

Booking the LMC Huts

Both the LMC Huts – Cae Ysgubor in Beddgelert and The Loft at Blea Tarn are available to Red Rope for national/regional bookings and for individual bookings by Red Rope members. The huts have been described in the Red Rope Bulletins and details are available on the LMC website here: www.lancsmc.org. The information below gives the hut charges for Red Rope members and explains the booking procedures. Note that all bookings and queries should come through the Red Rope bed night booker (currently Barbara Segal); LMC should not be approached directly.

Bookings for organised regional and national trips

Red Rope is entitled to three weekend trips each year, including one bank holiday weekend. These will be allocated to Red Rope regions in turn, but your region needs to put in a bid.

For the Beddgelert hut, regions wishing to bid for a weekend are requested to send requests to the bed night booker as early as possible as LMC tends to fill unused weekends with their own events. Bookings for The Loft (Blea Tarn) are likely to be more flexible, but given that the three Red Rope weekends include bookings for both huts, it might make sense for us to prioritise bookings at Cae Ysgubor. There is a calendar on the LMC website which shows existing group bookings for both huts. For any weekend trips outside our allocation, regions would need to pay the full charges listed on the LMC website.

For group bookings within our allocation Red Rope theoretically has exclusive access to the hut, but we would expect RR groups to welcome LMC members on Red Rope weekends if space permits. The hut fees payable by the region are £5 per person per night at The Loft and £7 per person per night at Cae Ysgubor. We have agreed that for weekend bookings we will guarantee to pay for a minimum of 10 places. Hut fees are to be paid direct to the LMC treasurer, currently John Toon. Trip organisers will be supplied with a single temporary key fob by LMC, but trip members who are likely to use the huts at some other time are encouraged to obtain a personal key fob (see details below). Note that the procedure for obtaining key fobs for group trips is currently under review and may change.

The overnight charges for Red Rope members **on regional or national trips** to the LMC huts will be 90% of standard banded charges for Cae Ysgubor and 80% of banded charges for The Loft, currently as follows:

Band	Charge for Blea Tarn	Charge for Cae Ysgubor
1	7.20	8.10
2	11.20	12.60
3	14.40	16.20
4	17.60	19.80
5	20.80	23.40

Individual bookings

Red Rope has 200 individual bed nights per year across the two huts. These are for Red Rope members only – you may not take guests unless you become a member of LMC (See below).

Access to the huts is otherwise on the same basis as for LMC members - you do not need to book *per se*, but will need to check that there is not a group booking by looking at the calendar on the LMC website here: <http://lancsmc.org/lmc/calendar/hut-bookings/>. In order to use the huts on this basis, at least one member of your party will need to obtain a personal key fob (see below). Charges for individual RR members using the huts are as follows:

Bands	Charge for Blea Tarn	Charge for Cae Ysgubor
1	3.00	5.00
2	4.00	6.00
3	5.00	7.00
4	6.00	8.00
5	7.00	9.00

These charges cover hut fees only. It is the responsibility of the members concerned to provide their own food. ***Due to our banding system the hut fees should go to Red Rope, not LMC.*** They can either be sent to the bed night booker (currently Barbara Segal) or transferred to the Red Rope trips account (Barbara will send you details on request). You should also email the bed night booker to let her know the dates of your trip, and the numbers and bands of those in your party, so that Red Rope can keep track of the nights used from our allocation.

Obtaining a personal key fob

Cae Ysgubor is equipped with an electronic entry system, which logs entry to the hut in the name of the person to whom the fob has been issued. In order to obtain a key fob, which costs £20, you need to send your name, address, and telephone number, together with a cheque for £20, to the bed night booker, who will forward your details to LMC. Note that this payment is no longer a deposit, i.e. it is non-returnable. Cheques should be made out to Lancashire Mountaineering Club. The LMC member who issues the keys is away a lot, so make sure that you apply in plenty of time for your planned stay at the hut. The Loft still uses conventional keys, which are supplied on a temporary basis by the bed night booker, but there are plans to install electronic locks there too.

Associate membership of LMC

In order to take non-Red Rope members with you to either of the huts you will need to become a member of LMC. Members of more than one BMC-affiliated club can claim a rebate for the insurance component of their BMC fees, so this works out quite cheaply, but it would be less hassle for your guests to join Red Rope and this could work out cheaper for low-income guests as guests pay £10 per night.

For further information, and for any postal addresses needed, please contact the bed night booker.

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