Booking the LMC Huts

Both the LMC Huts – Cae Ysgubor in Beddgelert (Snowdonia) and The Loft at Blea Tarn in the Lakes (between the Langdales) - are available to Red Rope for national/regional bookings and for use by individual RR members and small groups of members. Details of the huts are available on the LMC website here: https://lancashiremountaineeringclub.online/huts/. The information below gives the hut charges for Red Rope members and explains the booking and payment procedures. ***Note that all bookings and queries should come through the Red Rope bed night booker (currently Malcolm Donne); LMC should not be approached directly*.**

Bookings for organised regional and national trips

For formal trips (regional or national), Red Rope is entitled to 8 nights per year across the two huts. These can be split flexibly as long as the total adds up to 8 or less. We aim to allocate bookings to regions in turn, but your region needs to put in a bid, by sending the bed night booker a request which includes the number of nights and a few preferred dates. For the Beddgelert hut, regions wishing to bid for a trip are requested to send requests 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 Red Rope allocation includes bookings for both huts, it might make sense for us to prioritise those at Cae Ysgubor. There is a calendar on the LMC website which shows availability for both huts. For any formal 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 during our stays if space permits. The hut fees payable by the region are £6 per person per night at The Loft and £9 per person per night at Cae Ysgubor. We have agreed that for group bookings we will guarantee to pay for a minimum of 10 places. Hut fees for formal Red Rope trips are to be paid direct to the LMC treasurer, currently John Toon. Trip organisers will temporarily be supplied with a single key fob for Cae Ysgubor, but trip members who are likely to use it at some other time are encouraged to obtain a personal key fob (see details below). Access to the Loft is via an entry code pad.

The overnight charges for Red Rope members ***on regional or national trips*** to the LMC huts are as for any other regional or national trip.

Individual bookings – this may appear complicated, but it isn't really!

Red Rope has 200 individual bed nights per year across the two huts, which can be used informally by individuals and small groups of RR members. In these instances access to the huts is on the same basis as for LMC members, except that a Red Rope member may only be accompanied by one guest (non member). Before staying at the huts you need to check that there is no group booking by looking at the calendar on the LMC website here: https://lancashiremountaineeringclub.online/hut-bookings/. Periods marked as 'LMC members and guests only' are also available to Red Rope members.

LMC has recently started entering bookings for individual LMC and Red Rope members onto the calendar. This is not a requirement for using the huts – you can still turn up on spec – but is recommended as it gives an indication as to the likely number of other hut users during your stay.

In order to use Cae Ysgubor as an individual member, at least one member of your party will need to obtain a personal key fob (see below). The Loft at Blea Tarn is accessible via a key pad,

for which the code is available from the bed night booker. Nightly charges for individual RR members using the huts are as follows:

Band	Charge for The Loft	Charge for Cae Ysgubor
1	4.00	7.00
2	5.00	8.00
3	6.00	9.00
4	7.00	10.00
5	8.00	11.00
Guest	9.00	14.00

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 or transferred to the Red Rope trips account:

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Account name: Red Rope Trips Account
Sort code: 08-92-99
Account number: 65829967
(Please include something helpful in the reference field, eg <LMC_YourName>.
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You should normally email the bed night booker in advance (ideally around 2 weeks before you go) to let them know the dates of your trip, and the names and payment bands of those in your party, so that Red Rope can keep track of the nights used from our allocation and the fees due to LMC. This will also enable the bed night booker to get your details entered into the LMC calendar.

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, to the bed night booker, who will let you know how to pay for your key fob, and will forward your details to LMC. Note that this payment is no longer a deposit, i.e. it is non-returnable.

Make sure that you apply in plenty of time for your planned stay at the hut, as the LMC member who issues the keys may not always be in a position to respond quickly. You should get a set of instructions from LMC with your key fob. Please read them carefully! In particular, remember that everyone in your group needs to sign the hut log book as soon as you arrive.

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

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