

GUEST INFORMATION PACK

Tips for a happy wedding!

Dear Wedding Guest

Your wedding couple have chosen to celebrate their wedding here at Cote How and we look forward to greeting and serving you soon! As many of you may not be familiar with us or the Lakes in general, we have prepared this information to help you to get the most out of your day and remain comfortable while you are at Cote How.

CAR PARKING

We have NO ONSITE PARKING. This is a condition of our license and also impacts on the quality of your hosts wedding photographs. Your wedding couple may have already arranged guest transport. Please enquire with them in the first instance. If not, we recommend that you prearrange taxis to and from Cote How.

NEAREST CAR PARK - PELTER BRIDGE – This is a National Park Pay and Display (NOT NATIONAL TRUST) There are approx. 20 spaces that get full in good weather by 10am. The fee is 7 x £1 coins for a full day or £4.50 for a half day – No card payments available.

Getting Here: 1-mile North of Ambleside turn off the main A591 at Pelter Bridge (Stone Bridge over the River Rothay). Turn right immediately after the bridge and continue for 50m to Pelter Bridge Car Park on the left. Park here then walk 50m up the lane to Cote How – LA22 9LW
There is further car parking near Rydal Church off the main A591. We can then be accessed on foot via a footbridge over the River Rothay opposite the Glen Rothay Hotel and Badger Bar.

TRANSPORT

We **highly recommend** that you book a taxi to and from the venue in advance of the wedding day. If there are various groups of guests staying locally then minibuses are best pre-booked and will do multiple trips picking up and dropping off at B&Bs in the area, with guests sharing the costs between them.

Contract Hire Options: Requires pre-booking by the Bride and Groom to be on standby for all guests.

Rob – Hawkshead TIC – 07973 695253

Mountain Goat Minibuses 015394 45161

Travellers Choice coaches and mini coaches 015394 48500

Mark Woodhead on 07544234698 - Will do several local runs to Ambleside and Grasmere between 10.30pm and 11:30pm.



As a rural area, we do not have the benefit of Uber etc... Please book transport in good time before the wedding day as you may find it difficult to get taxis at short notice. Some companies will not take bookings either and so the contract hire options above are recommended. Check your departure times on your invitation and pre-order your taxi for collection at that time or before - Not later. (Please note that you must be waiting on the house terrace as drivers will not come and find you in the barn)

Pre-order for collection between 23:00 – 23:15 (Please note that you must be waiting on the house terrace as drivers will not come and find you in the barn)

Ambleside Taxis: 015394 88285 (4, 6 and 8 seaters)
Amber Taxis: 015394 42000
John's Taxis: 07759 143423 (8 seat minibus)
Kevin's Taxis: 015394 32371 – Single Operator Taxi
Adam's Taxis: 07553 835820 – Single Operator Taxi
Grasmere Taxis: 015394 35506 – Single Operator Taxi

LOCAL ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation at Cote How is reserved for the main bridal party only. For guests requiring overnight stays there are many local accommodation providers some within walking distance or a taxi ride to nearby Ambleside or Grasmere.

Local Guesthouses:

RYDAL LODGE – 015349 33208 – Speak to Helena or Mark (6 bedrooms) will offer full exclusivity for Cote How weddings

HAVEN COTTAGE – 015394 33270 – Speak to Chris or Allie (5 Bedrooms) - Min 2 nights only

CROW HOW B&B – 015394 32193 – Andrew and Jill

NANNY BROW - 015394 33232 (14 Rooms) Luxury 5 star B&B near Ambleside – Speak to Sue (no Under 12)

AMBLESIDE CENTRAL – ROOMS only Ambleside – (10 Rooms) including family rooms - 015394 34628

THE WATERWHEEL - B&B Ambleside – 015394 33286

THE HILLSDALE - B & B Ambleside - 015394 33174

THE GABLES AMBLESIDE – 015394 33272

THE ROTHAY GARTH AMBLESIDE – 015394 32217 – (15 rooms)

ELDER GROVE GUESTHOUSE – 015394 32504 (2 night Min)

THE SALUTATION HOTEL – 015394 32244

Or Search <http://www.golakes.co.uk> for the dates you require and look for properties near LA22 9LW.

Holiday Cottages

If you are attending a mid-week wedding it may be worth considering a holiday cottage and use the time to enjoy a short break whilst basing yourselves locally.

HEART OF THE LAKES

LAKE LOVERS

CUMBRIAN COTTAGES

The Rustic Charm

Cote How is a typical Lakeland historic house and barn with grounds that are uneven and predominantly made up of loose slate chippings and lawned areas. You may wish to bear this in mind when choosing footwear and /or bring a spare pair of shoes. We cannot be held responsible for accidents or damage to footwear.



Outside Weddings

It maybe that your hosts have chosen to have an outdoor wedding ceremony. This is of course weather dependant, but the Lakes can be a lot cooler than other areas of the country – so please bring outdoor coats to keep warm. (approx. 4-7 degrees or cooler than London!)

The barn is 16th Century and lacks modern insulation. Although we do have limited heat sources for use when the barn doors are closed, we recommend that you bring extra layers of clothing for your comfort. The barn is located down in the bottom of the grounds some 25m from the house down a slate gravel slope. In the evenings, the house is closed for security reasons. Please always keep all valuables with you in the barn. There are two toilets to the rear of the barn for your convenience, the house and house toilets will be closed at 7pm. If any of your party is ill or infirm, we do have a small wheelchair for use if required.

Babies and Baby Changing

We have one highchair, so please co-ordinate with your hosts should you need one. The barn toilets are not suitable for baby changing or baby feeding so please introduce yourselves to our staff who will facilitate this in the house should it be required. We are happy to provide any food warming that you may require. PLEASE ENSURE that NO baby wipes and nappies are flushed down the toilets as we have Saniflow toilets and a septic tank, both of which will be seriously damaged if mis-used.

Stilettoed heels can cause damage to the wooden floors in the house. Please purchase “Heel Protectors” that fit your shoes snugly before the wedding. (We do stock a limited selection behind the bar) These are push on clear plastic covers which protect the floors from damage and protect your shoes from gravel and soft ground.

Cash only bar

We operate a cash only bar. We have no facility for payments by card / cash back and do not offer a tab for guests. There are cash machines in Ambleside at the NatWest bank, Tesco and Co-op.

Children

We are happy to welcome children at Cote How, but as the grounds are extensive and lead out onto an open field with river and lake. Children must always be fully supervised by a responsible adult.

Privacy

Cote How is our family home and as such there are some areas of the house and grounds which are private. If your evening reception is booked for the barn, we do close the house bar and toilets the party has moved to the barn. **The bedrooms are strictly for residents only. Non-residential wedding guests are not permitted upstairs at any time.** Non-residential bridesmaids and helpers are asked to meet the bride in the dining area ahead of the ceremony (We will ensure that all other guests are confined to the ceremony area).

Confetti

Please ensure that only natural petals – Fresh or dried are used. **Please do not use paper even though it is marked as bio-degradable** as it takes a long time to degrade and gets trapped in the gravel making it impossible to clear up before the next wedding – Thank you!



Health and Safety

Drones, Sparklers, Fire Pits and Fireworks are not permitted.

Refreshments:

As we are not a hotel with various departments and staffing on hand, we cannot accommodate early arrivals, hot drinks or additional food requests. We ask that you respect the arrival times specified in the wedding schedule as staff will be busy tending to the wedding couple and preparing the venue before this time. Please refer to the schedule below. If you are travelling some distance on the wedding day, we would advise stopping in nearby Ambleside or Grasmere to prepare and get refreshments then leave the car at your accommodation and book a taxi to drop you at the venue.

Your Wedding Day Schedule: (Wedding Couple please edit in line with the schedule in your contract)

13:00	Arrival Time (please no earlier)
14:00	Ceremony followed by Canapes
16:00	Wedding Breakfast
19:00	Dancing Commences
20:30	Evening Supper
23:00	Last Orders and Close Music
23:15 - 23:30	All Depart (pre book taxis please) Venue Closes

We hope that these guidelines are useful and help you to come well prepared to have a lovely day. For more information: www.cotehow.co.uk and for [frequently asked questions](#)

Caroline and Steve



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