

Welcome to **Escape to**. We hope you find this information useful in planning your break. Please don't hesitate to contact us should you have any further queries.

Your arrival

You will be contacted prior to your visit to arrange a suitable time (usually after 4pm) for you to arrive. We will then show you around the building and provide relevant information for health & safety and security etc. Your group will be responsible for the building until the time of departure arranged with the manager.

Facilities

Pinkery is an EcoCentre, electricity being generated by our own wind turbine and the largest array of photovoltaic shingles in the South of England, all of which aim of reducing the impact on the local environment.

Bedroom layout

44 beds arranged in 5x4 and 4x6 bedded rooms, all on the ground floor with en-suite shower and toilet. One room is accessible for people using a wheelchair. All bed linen is provided.

Dining room and lounge

There is seating for up to 44 people. Please feel free to arrange the tables in whatever configuration suits you best. There is seating for up to 44 people on easy chairs, coffee tables, etc

Kitchen

The self-catering kitchen contains a commercial sized cooker with electric oven and 6 gas burners, microwave, 2 fridgefreezers, toaster and a full range of kitchen utensils, crockery and cutlery for 44 people. Tea towels are provided.

Washing facilities

10 showers and 11 toilets (9 of which are en-suite to the bedrooms) Please bring your own towels.

Heating

Full central heating throughout. A boot room and drying room are provided.

Refuse

Please use the recycling facilities provided. Refuse collection is on Mondays.

Car parking

The car park is at the rear of the building, there is space for 15 cars.

Directions

From Taunton the best approach is via Bishops Lydeard, Raleigh's Cross (ensuring that you fork right half a mile after Raleigh's Cross), across Wheddon Cross, and through Exford to Simonsbath.

In Simonsbath take the second left (signposted Barnstable, Ilfracombe and Challacombe), onto the road that follows the valley. After about a mile you begin to climb, then the road flattens out and descends again.

After a second flat section you reach a sharp left-hand bend. A metal gate on the right of the road gives access to our drive. Just inside the gate a sign says 'Pinkery Outdoor Education Centre'. Ignore the signs that say 'No Vehicles' and drive up to the centre.

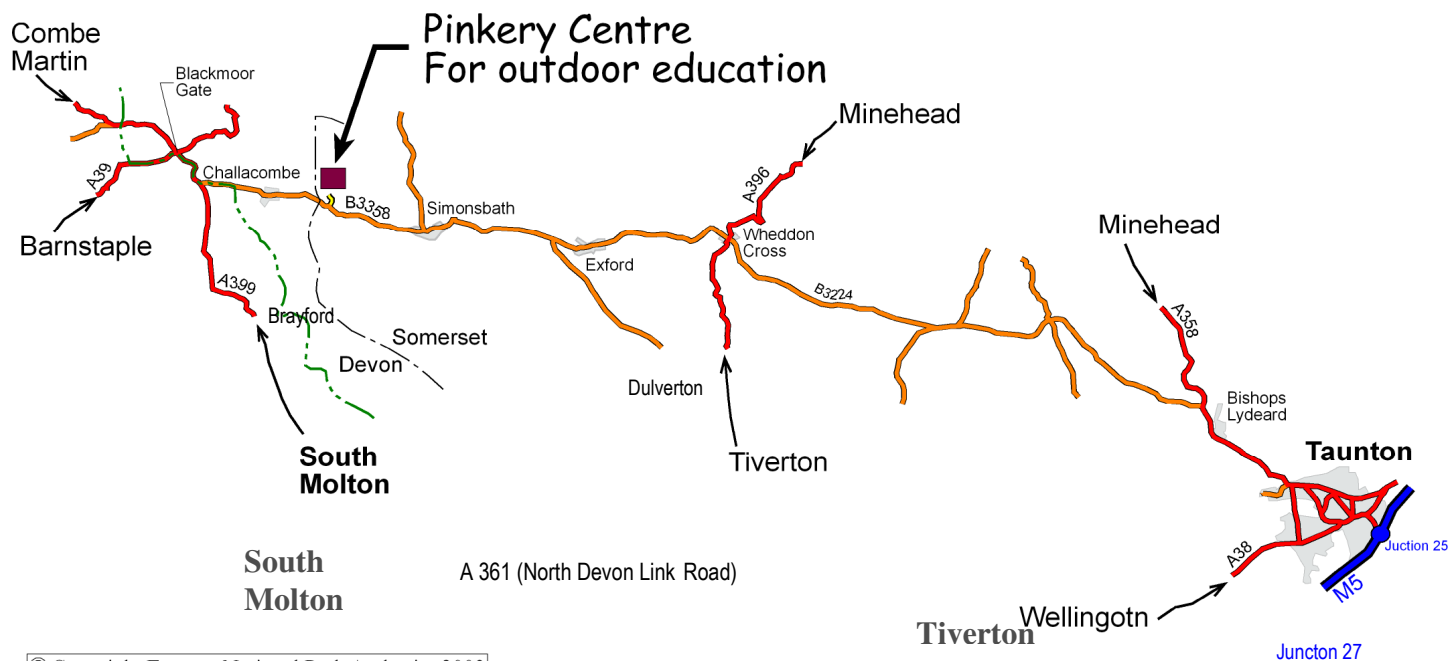
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If you reach Challacombe you've gone far too far!

From the South or West reach the South Molton – Combe Martin - Ilfracombe road and take the turning eastward that's a mile south of Blackmoor Gate. This road is signposted to Simonsbath.

After about 3 miles you pass through the village of Challacombe and the road begins to climb. Once it reaches the moor it flattens and, after crossing into Somerset, descends fairly steeply.

At the bottom of that descent is a sharp right-hand bend, on the left, is the metal gate to Pinkery drive. Just inside the gate a sign says 'Pinkery Outdoor Education Centre'. Ignore the signs that say 'No Vehicles' and drive up to the centre.

If you reach Simonsbath you've gone 2 miles too far



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Other information

Post office in Challacombe.

Food shops - village shop and off-license in Challacombe.

Banks – Lloyds in Lynton and Combe Martin. Barclays, TSB and Midland in Barnstaple

Taxi – Challacombe Tel: 01598 763467

Arriving by train - Nearest station is Barnstaple (15 miles) or Tiverton Parkway (30 miles)

Garage in Lynton, Combe Martin and Wheddon Cross

Mobile phone reception varies, if anyone needs to contact you whilst you are staying here, please advise them to call the office line
Tel: 01643 831437

In the interests of hygiene, pets cannot be allowed, although it is possible for special arrangements to be made for Registered Assistance Dogs.

Contact information:

Manager

David Huxtable Tel: 01643 831437. Please report any accidents/incidents to the member of staff on call (name and number on the office wall)

During Office Hours (8am - 8pm Mon - Fri, 9am - 1pm Sat)

Tel: 01629 592700 / 0800 0191 700

Operations Manager: Jon Cant 01629 592675 / 07714 835872

All emergency numbers (doctor, hospital, police etc) are listed in the Office

Utilities:

Location of gas stop tap:

Individual Gas Cylinders are located at 2 areas around the building. The cylinders have stop taps on them.

Location of mains electricity switches and fuses:

In the locked cupboard in the boot room. Sub-boards in the kitchen, office corridor and the corridors in both wings of sleeping accommodation. Contact the Manager in an emergency.

Location of cleaning materials etc:

In cupboards in the kitchen.

Location of fire alarm control box:

Along the Office corridor

Location of first aid and safety equipment:

In the kitchen and staff room.

We hope you enjoy your stay at YHA Pinkery.