# Welcome to Hergest Lee Cabin.

## Hergest Lee, Burlingjobb, Presteigne, Powys, Wales, LD8 2PW.

Hergest Lee cabin was constructed using cedar from a local Welsh sawmill. Designed to mirror the curves of Hanter Hill opposite, sitting harmoniously within the rural landscape. The construction was designed and built by the owner Paul Gent, he designed and made all the fitted elements in the cabin himself, from the kitchen units and cupboards to the staircase, floating bed and bathroom unit to create a continuity of style and tone. A feeling of space has been created in a relatively small footprint by the use of high ceilings and the blurring of wall and ceiling through the curved timber form. The use of vertical lines in the floating staircase extend the space and draw the eye upward.

The sharpness of the three windows is a contrast against the soft curves of the cabin adding an air of modernity to the structure. The use of modular boxes features throughout the cabin, from the bespoke kitchen units to the shelving and cupboards in the bedroom, the fold away table in the kitchen allows flexibility within the space with pull out box stools that slot neatly under the table. There is a predominantly Mid Century feel to the interior design with the simple lines of Ercol 203 chairs and the soft leather of the Stouby Sofa. With some eccentric additions sourced from local artists and antique fairs. The colour palette is a muted shade of grays, browns and dark blues taking inspiration from Edwardian drawing rooms. It has been constructed in an environmentally friendly way, using eco-friendly building products. The timber has come from a local saw mill and all paints, wood stains and varnishes are natural and breathable. It is heated using infrared panels which are 40% more efficient than other forms of electrical heating.

The thermostat for the heating can be found in the living area, this controls both heating panels in the living space and bedroom.

You need to use the 'clicker' or a lighter to light the hob. It doesn't light, it's just a spark used to ignite the hob. It's either left out on the side or in the drawer with the utensils.

We have tried to provide everything you might need for a comfortable stay including cooking facilities, however please do let us know if there is anything you think we could provide that would make Hergest Lee more comfortable or better equipped.

Please note you may need to check opening times for restaurants and activities.

#### General Information.

### Our check in time is 4pm and check out is 10am.

**Arriving** - If you simply put 'Burlingjobb' into the google maps app this will bring you here. The postcode often takes you down the track opposite. You will see the big black barn just park opposite this.

What 3 Words; Belonging.combos.blissful



Upon arrival if you could park in the car parking area and you will see the cabin at the top of the site.. If it's wet the hill up to the cabin can be slippy so please be aware of this.

We live on site and we are available should you have any queries. However we do have small children and we're usually putting them both to bed between 6.30-8.30pm so please try not to call on us at this time. You can always text us and we'll reply as soon as we can. We also ask that any noise outside is kept to a minimum after 11pm. I'm afraid we do not allow guests from outside to visit the property unless they have booked to stay with us.

We use a saniflo for our sewage system and therefore nothing other than the toilet paper provided must be used. Our toilet paper is 2 ply which is easier for the macerator. Please be careful not to put too much paper down in one go, for example if you're mopping up a spillage please put the paper in the bin.

In the unlikely event of there being a power cut please do not turn on the taps or use the toilet.

If visiting in the Summer months we would appreciate it if you could put any food away as soon as you can so as not to encourage flies. We have provided fly swats and we can also provide fly papers if you wish to use these, please let us know and we can drop them off.

The door is quite heavy so please shut it after entering and after leaving, or prop it open with a plant pot.

Please put the umbrella down if it's excessively windy.

Tea and coffee you can find on the shelves in the kitchen in glass jars. We have also provided oil and vinegar, sugar, salt and pepper. The kitchen is fully equipped with all utensils needed for cooking and eating, we have a two burner gas hob, fridge & toaster, (please note there is no freezer or large oven), we do have a small plug in oven available on request. We ask that this is left clean prior to leaving.

Please do not put oil or fat down the sink. It blocks the pipes, you can empty it into the flower beds outside or into the bin.

If you have booked as a x2 and will not be sleeping in the same bed please let us know no later than 24 hrs before arrival so we can make a separate bed up for you.

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Cleaning Materials can be found in the unit in the living space in the large cupboard, there is also a hoover, mop and bucket underneath the stairs in the small cupboard. If anything needs replenishing please let us know and we can provide

you with more cleaning cloths and supplies.

There is an iron in the cleaning cupboard and the table top ironing board can be found in the coat cupboard to the left of

the front door.

Hairdryer is provided in the bedroom cupboards.

We use mostly 'Piglet in Bed' bed linen if you would like to purchase you can with our discount code HERGEST20

We have provided a cafetiere but if you prefer an espresso we have also provided a Presso coffee machine. If you have not used one of these before please see the details on how to use here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z00074vW19I

Or Step by Step instructions:

 Load the porter filter with finely ground coffee (Lavazza is the only commonly available coffee that is fine enough to work with this machine). Load it to the top then smooth it with your finger. Use a teaspoon to press

the coffee down to a smooth and level surface.

• Load the portafilter into the machine it has to click into place.

With the arms of the machine down fill the plastic cup on top to the line marked

Raise the arms of the machine all the way up

Squeeze the arms down, raise the arms and squeeze again.

**Emergency Contacts:** 

If something seems to be wrong or broken or you need to ask us something please don't hesitate to give us a call:

Rachael: 07901615132

Paul: 07920181000

First Aid Kit: Located above the fridge in the kitchen (please can you let us know if you've used it so we can check it and

replenish it for the next guests).

Fire Extinguisher & Fire Blanket: Located inside the coat cupboard as you come in to your left.

Smoke Alarms: Are fitted both upstairs and downstairs

Carbon Monoxide Alarm: Above the boiler in the bedroom

Fire Exits: Your front door. In the event of fire please make your way outside and depending on where the fire is please

make your way to the driveway.

If you become aware of a fire, please contact the emergency services immediately on 999

**Refuse** 

## Please take your rubbish and recycling out.

There are three big plastic boxes located near the black bins on the driveway. Please make sure the glass bottles and cans are rinsed out prior to putting things in them.

We ask you kindly to recycle as much as possible and use the correct bins which are as follows:

- Plastic and Cans Orange
- Paper and Card Blue
- General waste Big Black Bin
- Glass Turquoise they will only take not broken glass

If any of your bins are full please get in touch and we'll empty them for you. Or if you'd prefer you can put them in the big black bin on the driveway yourself.

### **Amenities**

**Washing and Drying Facilities:** Hergest Lee does not have a washing machine but there is a launderette 2.5 miles down the road in Kington.

## **Appliances**

### **Heaters**

There are electric heating panels downstairs in the bedroom and the living space, these are located on the ceiling. Please feel free to use them, but we ask that you try to remember to turn them off before you leave. They are controlled using a small white remote control which can be found in the top cupboards in the bedroom. Use the arrows to control the temperature.

### **Medical Emergencies**

### Doctor

Kington Medical Practice 8.30am - 5.00pm

The Surgery, Kington, Eardisley Road, Herefordshire, HR5 3EA | 01544 230302

The nearest A&E departments are:

Hereford County Hospital, Stonebow Rd, Hereford HR1 2BN - 01432 355444

Hereford is about 45 mins' drive away depending on traffic.

## NHS Direct Wales on 0845 46 47 or 111

### Dentist

Llandrindod Wells NHS - 01597 822507

Craig Dental - 01597 258 302

MyDentist (Builth Wells) - 01982 552725

#### **Local Area Information**

#### **Taxis**

We would advise you to book taxis in advance as they are quite limited in this area.

## Radnor & Kington Taxi's

01547 560205

Kington Taxi's

01544 340584

Garrods Taxi's

01544 267220

Access Taxi's

01544 267739

## Petrol Stations

The nearest petrol stations are in Kington (2.5 miles) and Presteigne (6 miles) Presteigne is not open all the time so I would suggest refueling in Kington.

### **Shopping:**

**Kington** is 2.5 miles away in the direction of Hereford and has a Co-Op, Spa, and a Nisa shop, a delicatessen, The Grapevine is a very good fruit, veg and fresh fish shop, butchers, and a couple of café's. You will also find a library and post office in Kington. There's also a garden centre. There is a very good walking shop in Kington, highly recommended. <a href="https://kingtonwalkinghub.com/">https://kingtonwalkinghub.com/</a> call for opening times 07756 172 160. There is also a little eco shop called Planet B on the high street selling refills, natural soap, shampoo etc. They are open Fri and Sat 10am-2pm.

There is a small **local shop** in the nearest village of New Radnor 5 mins down the road, They sell fruit,veg and basics. 01544 350619 Call to check opening times.

Presteigne Is 6 miles away and has shops similar to Kington, Daphne's restaurant, a leisure centre with a small swimming pool. A lovely cafe and gallery/shop called The Workhouse and great butchers called Weobley Ash. The Deli here is very good (Deli Tinto) and there's a Local greengrocer which sells fresh fish on a Thursday. Presteigne has a couple of charity shops and is well known for its antique shops, Courtyard Antiques has some very unusual and exceptional stock, you can find them on the high street.

Hay on Wye I 12 Miles I The famous Book town, very pretty and some fabulous independent shops and galleries. Booth's Secondhand Book shop is wonderful, it's like something out of a film. They have recently renovated Hay Castle and it's beautiful and fascinating, they also have a very nice case inside. There is a small independent cinema, a good Spanish tapas restaurant called Tomatitos, lots of pubs, and an excellent deli. If you are vegan there is a very good takeaway salad place called the Salad Project, check opening times as it's not open all the time.

**Local Markets:** 

**Kington** | **Friday** | 9-1pm | A small Friday local food market, (go for the French chocolatier she is incredible, her chocolate covered prunes are delicious). Bread, Fruit and Veg.

**Presteigne** | First Saturday of the month | 9am till 1pm | The Local Food Market is held in The Memorial Hall, selling mainly food and fruit and veg.

Hay on Wye | Every Thursday |9-1pm | & a smaller market on a Saturday. A really great local market in the butter market in the centre of Hay, sells lots of local produce, spices, bric a brac, antiques, coffee and fruit and veg. Well worth a visit. It's nice to get a coffee and ice cream from Shepherds and sit outside and people watch.

**Ludlow Market** | **Mon, Weds, Fri and Sat** |9-1pm| A bit further afield but worth a trip out, Ludlow is a beautiful market town. The market is a big one selling all sorts from local cheeses to flowers, fruit and veg and antiques. They have a specialist antiques market once a month too. See here for more details: <a href="http://www.ludlowmarket.co.uk/">http://www.ludlowmarket.co.uk/</a>

• Leominster is the closest big town (17.4 miles) has a range of shops including:

Morrisons: Barons Cross Laboratories, Barons' Cross Rd, Leominster HR6 8RH

Aldi: Dishley Street. Leominster. HR6 8NY.

Leominster is quite famous for Antiques and we love coming here for a browse. The charity shops are good here too. It also has a Holland and Barett, Boots, Coffee shops and a good simple cafe called The Flying Dutchman, it has some nice little independent shops and a lovely big park. There's a very good antiques centre called the Retro Station which we visit a lot. Station Yard, Leominster HR6 8TW <a href="https://www.facebook.com/theretrostationleominster/">https://www.facebook.com/theretrostationleominster/</a>

• Llandrindod Wells is the other closest big town (18.8 miles) and has a range of shops including:

Aldi: Station Crescent, Llandrindod Wells LD1 5BB

Tesco: Waterloo Rd, Llandrindod Wells LD1 6BG

Spar: sells local/organic meat, pies: Marlborough House, Middleton St, Llandrindod Wells LD1 5BD

**Vans Wholefood Shop:** cheese counter, organic veg, fresh bread on a Friday only: Middleton St, Llandrindod Wells LD1 5BD

Plus there is: Post Office, Lloyds Bank, Cash Points, Butchers, Hardware shop, Verzons Book Shop, Boots Chemist, charity shops, builders merchants, café's and more, it has a big lake with a sculpture of a dragon in the middle which is nice to walk around.

Oakchurch Farm Shop <a href="https://www.oakchurch.net/">https://www.oakchurch.net/</a> (The Harrods of Hereford)! (But much more old-fashioned). This is a garden centre about 21 mins drive away but they also have a large food hall selling local cheese, meats and fresh fruit and veg.

## Eating/Drinking

We suggest googling all those listed below for their menus and opening hours.

Closest Pubs To Hergest Lee...

The Harp – <a href="https://www.harpinnradnor.co.uk/">https://www.harpinnradnor.co.uk/</a> Thursday – Sunday, you will need to book, 15 min walk up the hill. VOTED PUB OF THE YEAR IN THE UK 2020. Fantastic views, food and drinks.

The Fforest Inn - <a href="http://thefforest.co.uk/">http://thefforest.co.uk/</a> One of Wales's oldest pubs, book for the Carvery at the weekend. About a 10 min drive passed New Radnor.

The Royal Oak Gladestry <a href="https://www.theroyaloakgladestry.co.uk/">https://www.theroyaloakgladestry.co.uk/</a> - 2.5 miles down the road, a traditional little pub with a nice beer garden.

The Stagg at Titley -https://www.thestagg.co.uk/ 10 min drive towards Presteigne. Ex Michelin Starred pub/restaurant, food is delicious, need to book. After your meal (or before) there is a beautiful nature reserve called Titley Pool a short walk/drive from the pub.

The Riverside at Amestry - <a href="https://www.riversideaymestrey.co.uk/food/">https://www.riversideaymestrey.co.uk/food/</a> / 25 mins towards Leominster. A little further but worth it for the excellent food. They have an excellent menu and stunning setting, if you can ask for a table outside by the river (in the Summer of course).

#### A little further...

The Bulls Head Craswell - <a href="https://www.wildbynaturellp.com/the-bulls-head-inn">https://www.wildbynaturellp.com/the-bulls-head-inn</a> Really fantastic food. If you are going to Hay-on-Wye try and eat there. It's fabulous. It's one of our favorite places to eat. An unspoilt drovers pub with fresh and seasonal produce.

**Penson's at The Netherwood Estate** <a href="https://www.pensons.co.uk">https://www.pensons.co.uk</a> - Michelin Starred Restaurant near Ledbury. Tie it in with a day trip to Ledbury or Leomister/Ludlow.

Closest Cafe's...

Hergest Croft Gardens and Cafe - Opens at 11.30am from March - Oct | 01544 230160 - Very traditional but wonderful cafe in the grounds of Hergest Croft Gardens, sit outside on a sunny day under the terrace of the beautiful Arts & Crafts home which houses the cafe. You can walk here from us over the ridge in about an hour. It's a stunning walk. Great bacon sandwiches and home made cakes await you...

The Cattle Shed (Penhros Court Lyonshall) - Call for opening times 01544 230007 | An excellent cafe in a breathtaking surrounding, a former celebrity hideaway and housed Rock royalty such as Queen and ex local resident Mike Oldfield. Really good breakfasts.

The Workhouse Gallery Presteigne | Weds-Sat 10-4pm <a href="https://www.theworkhousegallery.co.uk/">https://www.theworkhousegallery.co.uk/</a> a beautiful cafe and shop selling a carefully curated range of stock.

Border Bean - Small Cafe on Kington High Street serving coffee, tea and cakes.

The Thomas Shop 10-5pm Thurs, Fri, Sat & Sun- <a href="https://www.thomas-shop.com">https://www.thomas-shop.com</a> Really lovely cafe in Pen-Y-Bont about 15 mins drive away (perfect pit stop if visiting the Red Kite Feeding Centre). It has riverside seating outside in the summer and a small children's play area, most importantly.. The best cakes in Powys! All hand made by the owners Liz & Derek. Try the salted caramel brownie if they have it. It also has a fascinating museum inside the cafe, it's like stepping back in time. See the website for more information.

## Kington Takeaway:

Fish & Chips 17 High St, Kington HR5 3AX | Thurs, Fri & Sat 4pm-10pm

## Presteigne Takeaway/Restaurants...

Daphnes Pizza | 53 High St, Presteigne LD8 2BE | Thurs-Sun 4pm-9pm Sun 4-8pm / Highly recommended. A lovely little restaurant, sit and watch the world go by with some of Dani the owner's excellent artisan brewed Cider and a very tasty Pizza. (they do other food too). They have a selection of natural wines as well.

Fish and Chips | 52 High St, Presteigne LD8 2BE | Thurs - Sat 12-2pm Then 5-9pm Sun 5pm-9pm

Wild Thyme - Italian Chichetti Bar 10 High Street LD8 2BE | Call for opening times

## Walking

There are lots of stunning places to walk in the local area. We can talk you through any of these walks personally when you arrive and we have an OS map that covers the local area (201 (knighton & Presteigne which is in the cabin for you to borrow. It's a good idea if you have a smart phone to download the O.S Map App <a href="https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/shop/os-maps-online.html">https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/shop/os-maps-online.html</a> This is a great app, it costs £2.99.

#### Walks from the Cabin

Stanner Rocks - The Stanner rocks walk is 1.5-2hrs round trip, a truly beautiful walk, quite strenuous and steep for a small part but well worth it when at the top, stunning views across the valley and wild horses at the top. There is a rare flower that grows here, see the link for more info <a href="https://www.first-nature.com/waleswildlife/e-nnr-stannerrocks.php">https://www.first-nature.com/waleswildlife/e-nnr-stannerrocks.php</a>

**Worzel Wood** - There are various circuits from 30 mins skirting the bottom of the woods to 2hrs for more adventurous routes mins in this beautiful woodland, one of our personal favorites.

Hergest Ridge - You can get up onto the ridge in about 25 minutes (if you're walking at a steady pace) The simplest route takes 2-2.5hrs. Stunning views all the way to the Malvern Hills, Brecon Beacons and beyond.

**Hanter Hill** - The walk to the impressive hill opposite the cabin takes 1.5-2hrs there are views of the black mountains and Brecon Beacons from the top on a clear day.

## Short Drive from the Cabin

Water Break its Neck - 10 mins drive up towards New Radnor. Breathtaking waterfall and woodland to explore.

**Radnor Hills -** 10 mins drive from the cabin with easy parking at the top of Mutton Dingle which goes up the hill from the north of New Radnor. There is a hill on top of the hill called The Wimble just a 1hr round trip from the car park.

Nash Woods - 5/7 mins drive towards Presteigne on the Walton Road, beautiful woodland with amazing views at the top of the old hill fort.

### Gardens

If you love gardens then you really are spoiled for choice around here, there are some stunning places to visit. My favorites are:

Hergest Croft | 11.30-5pm daily <a href="https://www.hergest.co.uk/">https://www.hergest.co.uk/</a> Beautiful garden and woodland with cafe.

**Rhodds Farm |** The garden will be open from Friday 19 June until 29 August on Fridays and Saturdays from 11.00 – 5.00 Stunning garden to visit. <a href="http://www.rhoddsfarm.co.uk/">http://www.rhoddsfarm.co.uk/</a>

Westonbury Mill Water Gardens | https://www.westonburymillwatergardens.com

#### **Nature**

Small Breeds Farm Kington | http://www.owlcentre.com/ | Open every day to Nov 1st: 10:30-5pm.

Red Kite Feeding Centre | Fun for all the family, a truly spectacular event, hundreds of Red Kites fill the sky. South St, Rhayader LD6 5BL | 01597 810 243 | https://www.gigrin.co.uk/

Bryngryn Riding Centre | https://www.ridinginwales.com/ 01497 851669 Need to book beforehand.

Canoeing | Celtic Canoes | www.celticcanoes.co.uk 07515 905419 Book Beforehand

## Wild Swimming

We love wild swimming and know plenty of local secret spots, please let us know and we will give you directions to these.

The Warren at Hay on Wye - Through a meadow to a big shingle beach with a fast flowing part of the Wye but great for swimming and paddling.

**Wolfs Leap** - An hour away but so worth the drive. Stunning scenery and deep pools to dive into from rocks. An amazing place.

**Leintwardine** - Beautiful spot for swimming/paddling, underneath a bridge opposite a very nice Pub called The Lion. There's also a good fish and chip shop in Leintwardine.

**Pembridge** - In the very pretty village of Pembridge next to a nature reserve you will find this spot, it has picnic benches and a small bit of river perfect for paddling.

**Discoed** - Lovely secluded swimming spot about 7 mins drive park by the big black barn and cross the field until you reach a gate, there you will see the river. There are sometimes cows in the field you need to cross to access the river.

The Washpool Irfon Valley - This spot is about 50 mins drive but so worth it, one of the most beautiful swimming spots we have ever been to. It has a large pool with waterfall at the other end, huge oak tree with a swing, just magical

Welsh Lavender Builth Wells - This is a really special spot. They have a gorgeous wild swimming pond and little shop and cafe selling cake and coffee. It's very lovely. Open Thurs-Sat 10am - 5pm Sat 10am-12pm always ring ahead to check they are open as sometimes they close for private events on the weekends.

'The Secret Lake' Pant y Llyn is near Welsh Lavender in Builth. We are not certain if you are allowed to swim in this one you would have to use your own discretion but it's worth a visit anyway as it's beautiful. It's called Pant -y-Llyn. Park on the side of the road and it's a short walk up the hill and you'll see the lake. There's not a lot of shade here.

#### **Train**

The Heart of Wales line runs from Penybont (15 min drive mile from us). It is a request stop and there approx. 4 trains a day in each direction. <a href="https://www.heart-of-wales.co.uk/">https://www.heart-of-wales.co.uk/</a>. This offers opportunities to make trips out to stops including Shrewsbury in one direction and Swansea with connections to Cardiff also.

The station name is spelt Pen-y-bont. You must use the hyphens to locate the right station on internet train sites.

There are also trains running from Knighton (18 min drive away) Trains to Craven Arms, Shrewsbury.

#### **Busses**

There is a regular bus service that runs from New Radnor to Kington. Kington also has a bus station with buses to Llandrindod and Hereford.

Timetables: <a href="http://www.sargeantsbros.com/timetables.shtm">http://www.sargeantsbros.com/timetables.shtm</a>

### Things to do with Children.

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Quakkers Llandrindod Wells - Soft Play Actually quite a good one with some pretty intense drop slides and outdoor space <a href="https://www.quackersnow.com/">https://www.quackersnow.com/</a> | 01597 860111 | Newmead Farm,Newbridge-on-Wye,Powys, LD1 6HR

Pick your Own at Park Farm nr Pembridge (Strawberrys, Raspberries, Gooseberries, Redcurrants and Blackcurrants) Summer Season Only. Ask for details.

Aardvark Cafe - Secondhand book shop and cafe with childrens pirate ship play area <a href="https://www.aardvark-books.com/aardvark-cafe">https://www.aardvark-books.com/aardvark-cafe</a> | 01547 530 744 **Business Hours: Mon - Fri:** 10:00am - 4:00pm, **Sat:** 10:00am - 2:00pm

Bryngryn Riding Centre | https://www.ridinginwales.com/ 01497 851669 Need to book beforehand.

The Globe at Hay on Wye <a href="http://www.globeathay.org/">http://www.globeathay.org/</a> - They have Lego in big drawers under the seating, good for little ones on a rainy day, they also have a great outdoor garden for children to play.

Croft Castle - National Trust | https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/croft-castle-and-parkland They have a fantastic outdoor play area, cafe and grounds for the kids to run around.

New Radnor Play Park - Small play park in New Radnor with beautiful views and small picnic benches and willow tunnel. I love taking my children here.

We hope you enjoy your stay with us!

Hergest Lee, Burlingjobb, Presteigne, Powys, LD8 2PW | www.hergest-lee.com | @hergest\_lee | #hergestlee

#### Press Features:

The Sunday Times Homes (front cover)!



## **IPaper**

https://inews.co.uk/inews-lifestyle/travel/hergest-lee-cabin-radnorshire-powys-wales-staycation-pod-accomodation-67232

## **Dwell**

https://www.dwell.com/home/hergest-lee-0ced2e53

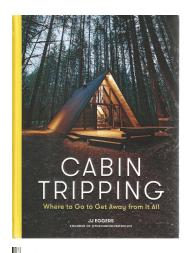
## Guardian

https://www.theguardian.com/travel/2021/aug/12/stav-cool-cabin-powys-wales-eco-build-explore-countryside

<u>SUITCASE Magazine</u>: <a href="https://suitcasemag.com/articles/Hergest-Lee-Powys-Wales">https://suitcasemag.com/articles/Hergest-Lee-Powys-Wales</a>

Also see 9 of the best places to stay in Wales: https://suitcasemag.com/articles/best-places-to-stay-wales

Cabin Tripping - A book celebrating the best Cabins in the world by JJ Eggers (Cabin Tripping) Published by Artisan Books.



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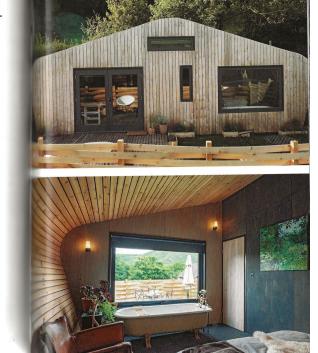
In 2019, Welsh woodworker Paul Gent fell hard for rural Herefordshire, Wales, and its patchwork-quitt terrain of rolling grasslands. The area's centuries-old stone and timber-frame barns are so full of character that converting them into modern living spaces is practically a cottage industry. Gent soon found his own barn in the tiny hamlet of Burlingjobb, and he set about building a rental cabin on the property to raise funds for the barn conversion.

With only himself as the client, Gent was freed from design constraints. In lieu of a pitched roof or an A-frame, he gave the cabin a gently rounded apex. The roofline curves are mirrored in the interior walls; high ceilings and oversize windows add space and airiness. The elegantly compact kitchen has space-saving stackable stools and a hinged dining table. Inside the comfy bedroom is a freestanding bathtub perched right in front of an enormous picture window overlooking nearby Hanter Hill and Hergest Ridge. The redwood bed frames and shower washstand were crafted by Gent; the open living area features some of his paintings.

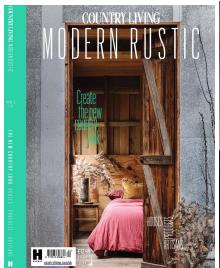
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A fantastic floating wood staircase leads up to the little mezzanine (which sleeps three), with views of horse meadows and hills. Outside is a deck with a grill and a garden where you can watch the flitting of falcons and swifts. The firepit is a draw on chilly Welsh nights.

The area has no lack of scenic walks, aka "rambles," a number of which are close to the cabin's doorstep. The nearest village, Kington, is just a ten-minute drive away and is a popular center for rambling. (Look for the official acorn symbols denoting a national trail.) Also nearby are the Cider Circuit bike trails where you can leisurely cycle from one apple farm and cider pub to the next. Pubs are an essential part of the landscape; hang around for a few days, and the Harp will fast become your favorite local haunt. Voted Country Pub of the Year in 2020, it's just a fifteen-minute walk from the Hergest Lee; the hearty fare includes roast sirloin of Hereford and freshbattered Cornish cod. Pub and grub it, then walk off your meal on a lovely



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