

Welcome to

*Amber's Bell Tent Camping*

at

Wiveton Hall

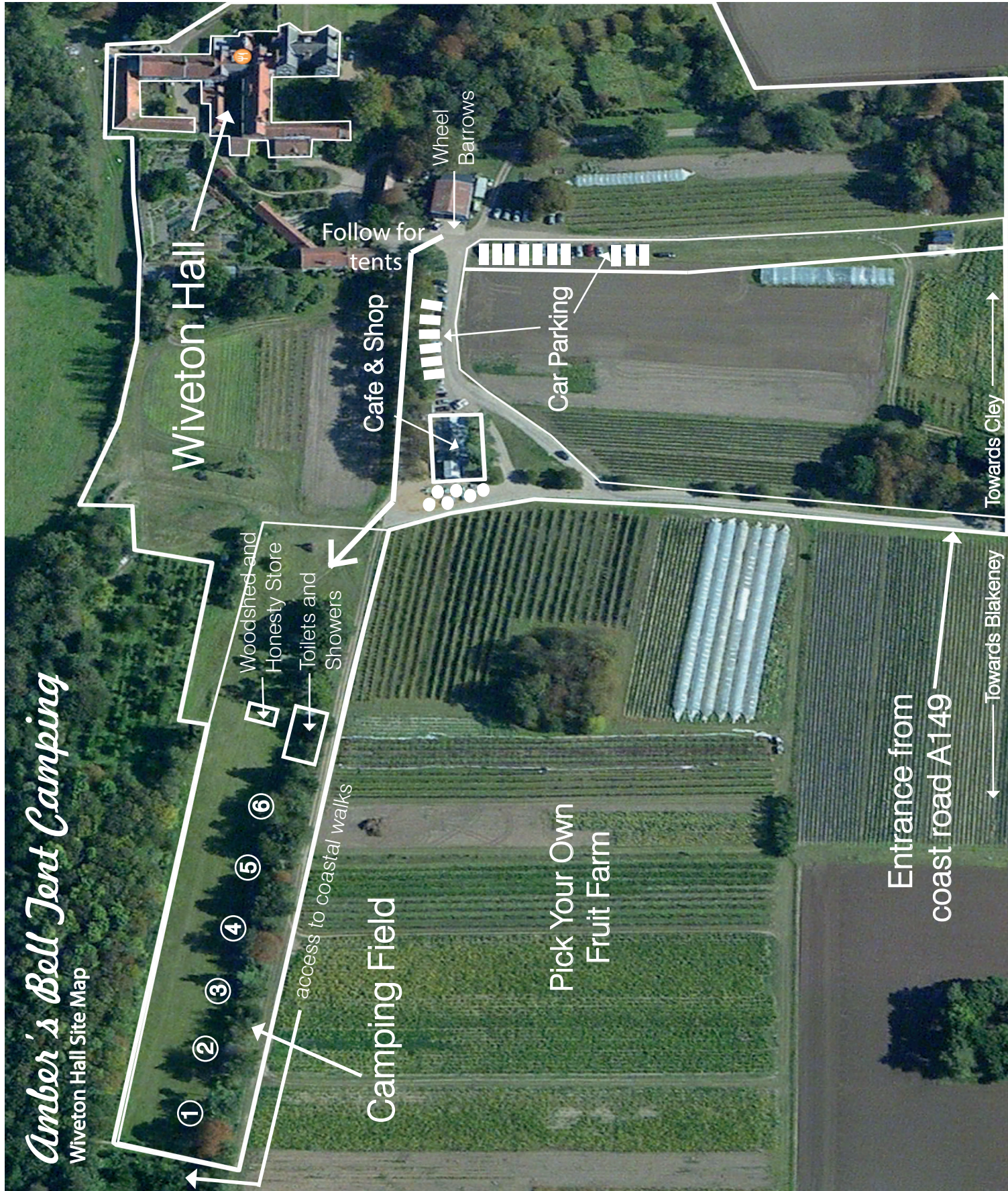
*We hope you enjoy your stay!*



# Tent Key

- 1. Primrose
- 2. Foxglove
- 3. Buttercup
- 4. Dandelion
- 5. Daisy
- 6. Hollyhock

If you've arrived for your stay and we have been called away: please make your way to your tent...it will be ready for you. We will come and see you've settled in as soon as we get back!



## Amber's Bell Tent Camping

Wiveton Hall Site Map

Wiveton Hall

Camping Field

Pick Your Own Fruit Farm

Entrance from coast road A149

Towards Blakeney

Towards Clew

- ①
- ②
- ③
- ④
- ⑤
- ⑥

Woodshed and Honesty Store

Toilets and Showers

access to coastal walks

Follow for tents

Cafe & Shop

Car Parking

Wheel Barrows

# *Arrival Instructions*

Before you set off, please make a note of the name of your tent and print off the site map attached. There tends to be staff onsite during the day till 5pm, and we can't always be available to meet guests when they arrive, so please make yourselves at home; your tent will be ready and waiting for you from from 3pm on the day. There will be an intent folder full of site specific info for your stay.

Look out for the black board ABTC signs once you've turned off the main road. The car parking areas will be clearly signed. Wheel barrows can be found in the car park area for you to transport your luggage to your tent. One for each tent. There are no cars allowed on the field.

If we can't be there to greet you, we'll be over at some point to say hi and answer any additional questions you may have, but feel free to call the number at the bottom of the page if you have any difficulties or queries.

The tents are marked with little name signs on the front to help you find your way in, and are also marked on the map attached.

Keep warm - There will be basket of kindling and wood in your tent for your intent log burner. If you need more, head to the honesty shop / wood store on the field where you will find logs for burners and fire pits, charcoal for bbq's, gas for the gas stoves, candles, and everything you need to keep the home fires burning.

Check out your folder for eating out recommendations and where you can go for supplies.

Have a safe journey and we'll see you soon!

Amber :)

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# Bell Tent User Guide

**In Tent Log Burners** You will be supplied with a basket of wood to get things going. Please note, there is no guard around the log burner. If you have little ones who aren't used to being around hot stoves, maybe light it once they're in bed - the main hazard are little ones tripping in the tent and putting their hands out to stop themselves and burning their hands. Don't leave anything on the stove or leaning against it. The door of the stove can be left on the latch to create a draw on the blaze, but close the door down before you leave your tent. Please refer to the stove info sheet further down for stove lighting tips, and the safely sheet for all the risks and how to avoid them.

**Fire Pit / Camp Fire Cookery** If you want a camp fire or bbq, you can buy nets of logs and bags of charcoal from the wood store. Always get the charcoal white hot before putting your meat or veg on to cook. Avoid using BBQ starter if you can. If you're planning a big communal camp cook up, there are some big camp pots and extra crockery in the honesty shop. Get the chilli on! Don't forget to toast your marsh mallows! There should be a jar of them in the pantry supplies in the tent on arrival.

**Gas stove** We no longer provide these as standard in our kitchen boxes, but now offer the purchase of them when you book. They are then yours to take away and bring back next time you come and stay! If you haven't booked a gas stove and find you need one, there will be some on site available to purchase at £15. Please use the same payment method as for the wood. If using a gas stove, please refer to the specific gas stove safety sheet below and please remember to only use this outside.

**Kitchen boxes** You should find everything you need for your culinary camp cookery in your kitchen boxes. Please could you make sure that all the bits end up back in the box. This is especially important if you are part of a group. There is a list of what is included below. There should be 5 of each.

**In tent cooler** Your vintage trunk in your tent works as a cool box. Frozen hot water bottles and cool packs live in the freezers. I'd recommend putting all your food in here to keep the local wildlife out of your tents looking for tasty treats! Please don't have more than two in your tent at one time, otherwise there may be a shortage in the freezer!

**More linen** Your beds will be made up with crisp cotton bedding. If you're staying for more than a few days and you'd like your beds changing mid stay, please see one of the girls on site or message me.

**Lighting** You will find either a solar or wind up lantern in your tent for you to use during your stay. Our lighting is pretty ambient. You may want to bring a spare torch or lamp. There are some spare torches in the honesty shop. Tea lights - not for tent use - Please only put light tea lights in the jars provided in the wood store and only on the picnic bench outside.

**Keeping Dry** Please zip up the tent when you leave or go out....Doors and windows. This will help avoid soggy patches when you get home. If you are camping when wet, avoid any contact with the canvas to avoid drips, and get the stove on!

# Wiveton Site Guide

**Bathrooms and Keeping Clean** - The showers, sinks and loos are at one end of the field. There are 2 private loo cubbies and 2 private hot water shower cubicles. They will be cleaned daily. There are big squeegees in the showers - if the floor gets very wet from showering, could you give it a quick swish out.

**Washing up - House/Tent Keeping** - You're on holiday, so you shouldn't have to do any! But if you're not eating out all the time, then of course there'll be the obligatory washing up. You can either take your washing up in a wheel barrow over to the washing up area outside of the shower block, where there is hot water, or go for the traditional rustic affair of boiling a kettle and using the trug as a big washing up container outside. You can drain your water away in some long grass. You can leave your pots and pans to dry on the picnic bench. Don't forget, we supply Eco washing up liquid found both at the washing up station and the honesty shop on the field, clean sponges are provided in tents as are tea towels.

**Fun Stuff** - There's a badminton net on the field. There's a trunk of field games; badminton rackets and balls near the wood stores. In the honesty shed you will find nature detective sheets for the budding wildlife enthusiast, along with crabbing lines if you want to try your luck with the crabs in the quay at Blakeney. There's a rope swing in the trees at the far end of the field.

**Wood Store / Honesty Shop** - In the sheds at the end of the field. Here you will find all the supplies that you may need to keep you warm and more. Kindling, firewood, gas canisters for the gas stoves, spare lanterns, tea lights. Everything is priced on the blackboard - There are books for each tent in the honesty shop where you can tally up what you use for your stay. If you could leave the cash and details of what you have purchased in an envelope in the cash tin on the wall please before you leave. Thank you.

**Wiveton Hall Cafe** - Open for breakfast, lunches, teas, cake, take out, and tapas and pizza in the evening. Eat under the eucalyptus trees overlooking the mud flats and out to sea. The cafe serves award winning local, season produce, from the farm and beyond. People come from afar to eat their glorious food and enjoy their views - booking is advisable.

**Play area** - Outside the cafe, there is a lawn for picnics, and the wendy hall and boats for imaginative play for the little people.

**Pick Your Own** - The farm offers Pick-Your-Own (PYO) Raspberries and grows an extensive selection of fruit and vegetables that are used in the café as well as for sale in the shop. Raspberries available when in season 10am - 4pm.

**Garden Trail** - This will skirt around the edge of the estate, through woodland and meadow, taking in views of the 17th century dutch gabled manor, across the marshes out to sea, and take you through the walled cottage garden, once used to corral prisoners during the Napoleonic War, and now undergoing successful transformation, restoring it's glory as a full working kitchen garden. It is an abundance of summer blooms and beauty. Take a look. Tickets available in the shop.

**Maize Maze** - On the estate, open in the summer hols, when the corn is towering at 6 or 7 feet - a fun way to spend an afternoon. Tickets available at the entrance, or in the shop.

**Coastal path** - You can link onto the path at the end of the field and walk on the edge of the marsh to Blakeney. Takes about 20 minutes. If you follow it the other way, down the Wiveton Hall drive and along to Cley, again it's about 20 mins. If you want to walk further along the coast, you can do so. The path runs from Cromer to Hunstanton, with the coast hopper bus making journeys all day along the coast to hop back on.

**The House** - Wiveton Hall was built in 1652 on the site of an earlier building which dated back to 1280. The land around Blakeney was then owned by a Norman family called De Roos who were approached by Carmelite friars wishing to build a friary. The current owner, Desmond MacCarthy offers personal tours of the house throughout the season. Check their website for details.....[www.wivetonhall.co.uk](http://www.wivetonhall.co.uk)

**Fire Safety** - There is a fire extinguisher and a fire bucket in the wood store in the field shelter - let's hope you don't need to use them - please refer to the fire safety sheet below.

**Rubbish!** - There are small bins near the bathrooms and bigger ones behind the cafe. You can recycle the following: Glass, cardboard, paper, tins, cans, plastic bottles. Could you please make sure there is no rubbish left in the bins in the tents when you leave. Ash - The fire pits and stoves are cleaned before you arrive, but if you find you need to empty either, there are ash bins for hot ashes near the bathrooms. Please refrain from tipping them into the grass.

**Wildlife** - Hopefully the wildlife will be something that you enjoy as part of your stay with us. Please be aware - you are in the countryside and you will be sharing your space with wild birds and animals....in the fields around the camp, foxes and deer can be heard 'barking' at night. Owl's hooting, and insects. We do our very best to make sure your tent is free of flying things before you arrive. If you want to keep it so, please keep your insect nets zipped up. We, along with the rest of the UK had a wasp epidemic last year. Please keep food waste down to a minimum around your tents if there are wasps about.

## *What to bring to the tents...*

The website has all the details of where to come and what to bring, but as a reminder.. All you should have to bring is a towel, and an extra torch or lantern each. The beds will be made up with sheets, pillows and double duvets on each bed, and there will be a basket of extra blankets and hot water bottles incase it's cold. There's a lantern for use inside the tent, and jam jars and tea lights provided for outside. The tents are fitted with wood burners and there's fire-wood on site, you'll have a bucket in your tent to get you started.

The kitchen boxes are really well stocked with all you need for camp fire or gas stove cooking. I've included a list below for you to check. There's firewood and charcoal and everything to keep the fire burning, and an honesty shop with fuel supplies if you run low. You have an in tent 'fridge' to keep all your perishables cool and a freezer with cool packs provided to help keep your box chilled. Please only take 2 at a time and replace the ones not being used. Outside the tent there's a six seater picnic table for each tent and fireside log seating. Bring cushions, a table cloth and camp chairs if you'd like more comfort.

There's an awning attached to your tent to park your wellies under and cook under if it's wet.

### **Kitchen box list**

frying pan, saucepan, stock pan, colander

enamel plates and mugs and bowls for 5 people

utensils for eating and preparation including; spatula, serving spoon, wooden spoon, bottle opener, peeler, sharp knife, bread knife, chopping board

tea pot, cafetiere or coffee cup drip filter for ground coffee

pantry supplies - including vegetable oil, salt and pepper, tea bags, sugar and marshmallows for toasting on the fire

washing up trug scourer, dish cloth and tea towel

## *Stove Advise*

In cold or windy weather there may be the chance your stove will be a bit smoky. Please follow these tips to ensure you have a snug and smoke free stay!

- The main key to these stoves is little and often. Start with fire lighters and just a few sticks of dry kindling.
- Crack the door ajar while getting going...this will give your fire a good blaze and get it hotter quicker
- Once the stove is roaring, start adding a few more sticks at a time.
- Once the fire is established you can start adding a few of the eco hot log discs.
- It's best to keep the door slightly cracked open while establishing the fire, but once it is going and nice and hot, you'll be able to close the door.
- Please always ensure the fire is attended while the door is cracked open, and that at all times nothing is placed on top or leaning against the stove (apart from the kettle of course!)
- If you do get a bit of smoke in your tent (it will happen from time to time...sorry!) open one or more of your window vents and it will soon clear.

Hopefully, if you follow these instructions, you'll have a nice toasty stay! Feel free to ask for advise!

## *Fire Lighting Outside*

Your outside fire pit will be your best friend while you're camping....use it for cooking, toasting marshmallows, boiling the kettle or just keeping warm while you watch the stars at night.

Each fire pit has a sturdy grill with it that you can cook directly on to, or use it to put pans on your fire.

To light your fire outside, lay a small amount of dry kindling in the bottom of the pit. Place 2 or 3 firelighters on top of the kindling. Then build a small pyramid of kindling on top making sure you can still get a match to the firelighters. Light the firelighters with a match or lighter and allow the fire to take hold. Now you can add some more dry kindling to the fire.

Once your fire is going well, you can decide what your next step is...

If you are going to have a bbq with charcoal, use a stick or poker to carefully level out the burning kindling...then put your charcoal on top. You might need to add some more kindling to keep the fire burning hot while the charcoal catches fire. Once your fire is going well, you'll need to wait until the flames have died down before cooking. Place your grill over the embers and BBQ!

If you are just having a fire, then ignore the charcoal steps and just pop some small logs on once the kindling is going.

Your outside fire is suitable for burning wood you or the kids have gathered, but please only burn dead wood from the ground....please don't pull any branches from trees to burn.

**Please only burn kindling and compressed hot logs in your tent's inside wood burner....wet or green wood will produce nasty smoke and will block your chimney quickly.**



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## Fire Safety at ABTC

We want everyone who stays at ABTC to have a fantastic time, and to go home with great, happy memories. Fire plays a big part of the experience with the fire pit, wood burners and gas stoves....here are some do's and don'ts to make sure you know how to make the most of these facilities whilst staying safe!

### In tent wood burner safety

- Always follow the lighting instructions in your Bell Tent user guide
- Only use dried, seasoned firewood in your stove. Suitable wood can be found in the honesty shop. Green or wet wood will clog the flue and lead to nasty gasses in your tent.
- Make sure that once your stove is lit, nothing is leaning against it.
- Never leave your lit stove unattended. If you have to leave the tent while it is lit, make sure the door is firmly closed and nothing is on top or leaning on it.
- Your stove will be incredibly hot when lit...if you touch it you will burn yourself.
- Never put anything on top of the stove (apart from your kettle), even if you think it is out. Residual heat can still cause fires. The picture below demonstrates what can happen when flammable objects are left on stoves....luckily no-one was hurt!
- Keep your log basket well away from the front of the stove

### Other Fire Safety

- Tea lights are for use outside of tents only and in glass jars
- Cooking with your gas stove must be done outside of the tent or in the field shelter
- You can collect wood for your fire pit...but again, never leave a fire unattended
- Always follow the user instructions for using the sauna and pizza oven
- Fire extinguishers can be found in the honesty shop...we are happy to give instruction on how to use them if needed....just ask!

If you follow all of these instructions we hope that your stay will be a happy and stress free one!



# *Eating out and Supplies..... Wiveton*

## **Pubs**

### **The White Horse Blakeney (Distance: 0.9)**

Perfectly situated up from Blakeney Quay on the beautiful North Norfolk coast, this pub is cosy, characterful and stylish too. An extensive range of well-kept, award-winning Adnams beers, wines and spirits are on offer, along with a menu showcasing a range of pub classics, coastal favourites and indulgent dishes.

5 minutes by car, 17 minutes on foot or 7 minutes by bike.

### **The Wiveton Bell (Distance: 1.4 miles)**

This pub has been awarded 2 AA Rosettes and been named Michelin Pub Guide Inspectors Favorite, it is sure to please all who walk through the doors. Serving a seasonal lunch and dinner menu using only the best locally sourced produce. Sunny tranquil Alfresco areas are available to the rear and front of the Pub overlooking the Village Green and Church.

5 minutes by car, 18 minutes (0.9 miles) on foot or 6 (0.9 miles) minutes by bike.

### **The Salthouse Dun Cow (Distance 2.8 miles)**

Family friendly pub located in the picturesque North Norfolk village of Salthouse. Drop by and enjoy some great quality fresh local food, well-kept beer and all in a location you'll love.

8 minutes by car, 55 minutes on foot or 15 minutes by bike.

### **Three Swallows (Distance 1.2 miles)**

Overlooking a picturesque green, this pub is full of character, featuring two blazing fires, during the cold winter months. Traditional pub fayre with classics such as Lasagne, Burgers, fish, steaks and pies, all freshly prepared on site daily using local suppliers. Dog and family friendly.

4 minutes by car, 22 minutes on foot or 7 minutes by bike.

## **Cafes**

### **Wiveton Hall Café (Distance: Onsite)**

Overlooking the marshes and out to sea, the café has gained a reputation for fine, wholesome food. Situated on the fruit farm, surrounded by strawberry fields and raspberry canes, the food is always seasonal which is reflected in the regularly changing menu. Four legged friends are also welcome.

### **Art Café (Distance: 1.8 miles)**

Art Cafe is North Norfolk's only vegetarian restaurant, gallery and licensed cafe. A place to buy beautiful creations, enjoy fantastic, locally roasted coffee, indulge in delicious vegetarian food and cakes and relax in delightful surroundings. With a sunny courtyard for summer and a cosy wood-burning stove for the cold Norfolk winters,

7 minutes by car, 35 minutes on foot or 10 minutes by bike.

## Supplies

In and around Amber's Bells Tents at Wiveton Hall, you will find plenty of places to pick up some much-needed supplies during your stay.

Why not enjoy a short walk up to Blakeney where you will find the award winning Blakeney Deli (0.8 miles away; 4 minutes via car, 17 minutes on foot and 7 minutes by bike) which serves a whole host of fine foods and wine.

Alternatively, Picnic Fayre (0.7 miles away; 3 minutes via car, 13 minutes on foot and 4 minutes by bike) located in the beautiful coastal village of Cley Next The Sea, sell a varied range of local deli produce which is perfect for picnics.

Nearby in Blakeney, you will also find a Spar (1 mile away, 4 minutes via car, 19 minutes on foot and 7 minutes by bike) where you can pick up a few toiletry and food essentials.

If you are looking to have a good ole BBQ during your stay, than you will find Allard's Butchers just a short 13 minute drive away in Holt, where you will be able to pick up a vast range of locally sourced meat products.

There are also large supermarkets within 30minutes drive in Sheringham, Cromer, Holt, Fakenham and Norwich.

# *The Norfolk Coast - which beaches for what*

**West Runton** – Sand, rock pools, views of Cromer. Park at the cliff top car park - £2 charge. Big sandy beach. Check the tides - When the tide is out there are rock pools to explore. When it's right in you can still access the beach, but 3/4 is submerged. I'd head to the right for about half a mile and camp under the sandy cliff which the kids like to roll down.

**Sheringham** - A small Edwardian sea side town with plenty of beach to go around. I park at the left hand side of the town behind the steam train station. There's parking there on the front and off the side residential streets. Up the prom to the left, you'll find the life boat centre, great views of the wild north Norfolk coast beyond. The beach is pebbly, but smooth sand appears when the tide is out. Pack your water shoes. Up to the right hand side of the prom, passed the town, you'll find the funky mackerel cafe - for great sea views with a kitsch diner feel and the biggest flapjacks you'll ever see! If you're up this way, check out the pitch and put golfing just up the cliff here. The town has some good charity shops if a rummage is your thing, with some vintage shops tucked away too!

**Cromer** - A glorious Victorian seaside town, with a great pier and lovely sandy beach. Don't have to worry about the tide here - always plenty of sand for everyone. Cromer surf school is situated on the prom if you and yours fancy a go. Head to the rocket cafe right on the front for great views of the beach, or the No 1 fish and chips bar at the other end. If you fancy a walk, access the coastal path from here, up past the light house and over the cliffs to Overstrand.. A play in the park and ice cream on the cliff top, then back to Cromer along the beach. It's about a 2 hour round trip.

**Overstrand** – Old fashioned sea side loveliness, with soft sand, groins to rest your back on, and lovely views. Park in the town or at the car park on the cliff and head down.

**Cley next the Sea** - There's a bit of a swimming scene in Cley in the evenings. People cycle down to the pebbly beach just out of the town with beers and picnics and have a dip. A lovely grown up beach, with interesting art happenings to stumble across. Great spot for evening Mackerel fishing. The town offers some lovely shops, selling art and books, and smoked fish and some good pubs – the king's head and the Three Swallows. You can walk from the the camp if staying at Wiveton, through the town and along the marsh

**Blakeney** – Just a six minute walk if camping with us at Wiveton, or you can park up at the marina and at low tide the kids can play in the 'freshers' - the creeks. It's very muddy, but much fun especially if you've a dinghy to throw into the mix. Maybe take a wetsuit... You can walk to Wiveton cafe from here if you head west along the front, you'll find the footpath up to the fruit farm. Pick your own strawbs, have some afternoon tea or tapas, and wander back to Blakeney. The seal trips run from the harbour at Blakeney. Great fun. Try and find a trip that will drop you at the point for an hour or so. It's wild over there, and heavenly. You can walk to the point, but you need to take a good map and check the tides. It's a good hour there. There's maps in your pack!

**Wells next the Sea** - A must while you're here. It's about a 30 minute drive if staying at Mannington, and 15mins from Wiveton. It's a magnificent place, with it's HUGE beach, backed with pinewoods and beach huts. It's a splendid wilderness. The woods are just great in themselves. Like a film set. Park in the main carpark near the beach, and walk through the woods, all the way to the end till it pops you out at the Holkham end of Wells beach for a real wild treat. You can take your bikes and cycle to Holkham from here. Look out for the rope swing in the woods - you'll hear the children yelping as you approach. Wells Deli on the front in the town is a good stop for coffee cake and noodles! French's fish and chips on the quay are renowned. Or head into the centre onto the Green for the Globe and the Crown.

**Weybourne** – A real wild Jurassic feel here, with working boats moored up on the shingle and lots of fishing going on on the shore. You can access the coastal path from here and walk along the top of the cliffs to Sheringham. It's just over an hour's walk. If you don't fancy the walk home, you can tempt the little ones with a ride on the steam train back to Weybourne.

**Morston** – More marshes and harbours like Blakeney. NT carpark on the marsh. Take your wires and bacon down to one of the bridges over the freshers and try your luck. Won't take long before you get a bite.

**Salthouse** – An endless bank of pebbles for you to perch on. There's a carpark directly in front of the beach, so you can park up, scramble over and you're there. Look out for the vintage coffee van that parks up there. You'll find the Dun Cow on the green – a real pub with great food and the best views of the marsh there is. There's also Cookies Crab shack on the green for fresh Norfolk Seafood.

**Holkham** – Probably the best known beach in North Norfolk. Miles and miles of soft white sands backed with pine woods. A real spectacle in any weather. In fact, as it's not a swimming destination as the sea is often miles out, it's a good place to visit when the weather isn't at its best. Nothing can detract from the spectacular scenery. Why not take in Holkham estate while you're here – and dine at the Victoria arms.