

Entry Conditions and Rules

- a) These Entry Conditions and Rules apply to all parts of and all entrances to Ogof Ffynnon Ddu.
- b) When the SWCC HQ is open, the destination board in cottage No. 8 must be used. A key-ticket, which includes the name of each person entering the cave, must be completed for rescue purposes. When the SWCC HQ is closed parties must make other arrangements for rescue. Note that the HQ is usually closed by 5pm on Sundays. Parties using SWCC HQ midweek access keys shall log the use of keys on the sheets provided in cottage No. 3.
- c) For reasons of cave conservation and adequate supervision of less-experienced cavers, the maximum permitted party size is 6 including the leader. Parties must not join up underground and should deliberately maintain separation from other parties.
- d) The leader is responsible for the conduct and safety of the party AND for the provision of the equipment necessary to complete the trip. The leader must draw to the party's attention the conditions relating to the use of any fixed equipment within the cave, which are displayed on the board in cottage 8 of SWCC HQ. (A copy of these will be given to mid-week users upon request). The leader is responsible for the cave key. Lost keys will incur a charge of £50.
- e) ONLY electric lighting is to be used. Carbide MUST NOT be taken into the cave.
- f) This permit is for ENTRY ONLY. Camping, digging and the use of explosives, dye tracing and other research projects require special permission, for which application is to be made to the SWCC Permit Secretary who will consult the OFD Cave Advisory Group before a decision is made on the application.
- g) Conservation of the cave is very important and those who enter the cave are responsible for its welfare. Some areas are taped off for conservation reasons. Marker tapes must not be crossed or moved, under any circumstances other than in extreme emergency. Observe all tapes and route markings in the cave. If there is no tape, proceed only if there is a clearly defined path. If in doubt, STOP.
- h) No litter whatsoever is to be left either inside or outside the cave.
- i) Smoking is prohibited throughout the cave.
- j) Cavers visiting OFD 1 must park vehicles in approved locations and approach the cave entrance by approved routes. Details of locations and routes can be found on the notice board in cottage No. 8 of SWCC HQ.
- k) The gates are to be locked at all times except when entering or leaving the cave.
- l) Cavers enter at their own risk. Many sections of the cave are arduous. For safety reasons, adequate experience and suitable clothing and equipment are required throughout the cave and especially in the further reaches of the cave and in the streamway.
- m) Installations, apparatus and equipment must not be damaged. If accidental damage occurs this should be reported immediately on return via the whiteboard in SWCC cottage no. 8 and by email to the Permit Secretary.
- n) Access to the land surface of the NNR and of much of the remainder of the SSSI is unrestricted but visitors are asked to help protect the wildlife and natural beauty and avoid disturbance to grazing animals.
- o) Failure to observe these conditions may result in the refusal of any future application for entry to any part of Ogof Ffynnon Ddu.
- p) These Entry Conditions and Rules may be revised from time to time by the SWCC in consultation with OFDCAG.