



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

General Questions

What is it?

Cake, Craft & Camping is the first ever WI camping weekend in Cornwall! It is run by and for WI members.

Where is it?

We will be taking over Nine Ashes Activity Centre and Campsite near Bodmin for the weekend. Nine Ashes is located approximately 3 miles from Bodmin on the B3266 Camelford Road. The site consists of 25 acres of woodland, and 5 acres of camping – so there will be plenty of room for us! The site is part of the private Pencarrow Estate, and is well secluded from the road.

When is it?

30th August – 1st September 2019. There will be two nights of camping, with arrival on Friday at 12:30pm and departure on Sunday by 4pm. Organised activities will take place on all three days.

How much will it cost?

The cost is £100 per person for the whole weekend. That includes your camping pitch for two nights, all fully-catered meals and a wonderful variety of activities and workshops for you to enjoy. If you would rather sleep in a bunk, there is a supplement of £13 for the weekend – but bear in mind there are a limited number of bunks available.

What extras will I have to pay for during the weekend?

All accommodation, meals, activities and workshops are included in the cost. We will, however, be running a raffle on Saturday night. We have also designated [ACWW](#) as our chosen charity for the weekend – there will be Pennies for Friendship teapots scattered about, so do bring any loose change you might have. The campsite has an onsite licensed bar, so if you'd like a drink and would rather not bring your own, make sure you have your pocket money with you. Finally, if you would like a tour of Pencarrow House on Sunday, please note that the cost will be £10 per person. This is paid directly to Pencarrow House on the day, and not to CFWI.

What about food?

The weekend will be fully catered by an outside caterer. Meals will be served in the communal dining room. We'll have lunch and an evening meal on Friday, three meals on Saturday, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. If you'd like to bring any additional snacks or drinks for the weekend, you are more than welcome to. There is a fridge and freezer onsite in case you bring anything that needs to be chilled or frozen. Remember that there will be limited space, though.

Can I bring my baby/children?

No. This event is for WI members only, so you may only bring children if they are 18 years of age or older and a member of a WI.

Do I need to bring my own tent, camping equipment and food?

If you are camping, then yes please, bring all your own camping equipment – air mattresses or camping beds, sleeping bags, pillows, extra blankets, etc. If you are staying in a bunk, you will need to bring a sleeping bag, pillow and blanket. Camping chairs are also useful, as are torches. All meals are catered, so you won't need to bring any food or food preparation equipment. However, please feel free to bring anything extra you might like to snack on. We also encourage wine, beer or your favourite tippie! Nobody will be driving anywhere, so we can all drink safely! A fridge and freezer are available onsite for you to store anything that needs to be kept chilled or frozen. A suggested packing list is attached.

What if I don't have my own tent?

Nine Ashes has a limited number of tents available for hire. These are nylon tents with sewn-in groundsheets, flysheets and small porch areas. If you would like to reserve a tent, please contact Nine Ashes directly on info@nineashes.com. You will have to supply your own air mattress, sleeping bag, etc. If you book a Nine Ashes tent, it will be set up for you on Friday and taken down for you on Sunday. What could be easier? Alternately, there are outside companies which hire out tents. We recommend BellaKernow Camping. They can supply luxury bell tents starting from £95 for two nights, with optional extras of air mattresses and bedding. Again, the cost includes setting up the tent and taking it down for you. Please contact BellaKernow if you would like to hire a tent through them – www.bellakernow.co.uk or 07967 509 038 / 07830 137 036.

Can I contact Nine Ashes if I have any other questions?

No. Other than tent hire enquiries (see above), please do not contact Nine Ashes. The weekend has been planned and organised by the Cornwall Federation of Women's Institutes, so all enquiries should be directed to us. You can contact our office on (01872) 272843 or cfdwi@btconnect.com; or contact one of the Cake, Craft & Camping organisers: Helen Kestle (hzebrahim@aol.com); Penny Picton (malpen72@hotmail.com) or Pam Selley (pamselley@hotmail.co.uk).

Is there WiFi and a phone signal at Nine Ashes?

There is no public phone available at Nine Ashes. Mobile phone reception is usually obtainable throughout the site. Nine Ashes can provide a phone charging service. WiFi is very limited, but why not just enjoy being offline and see this weekend as a great detox from mobile phones and the internet!

What happens if it rains?

We carry on! We're WI members! Nine Ashes has a large activity barn, and most of our activities can be held indoors if need be.

What about First Aid?

All Nine Ashes staff members are fully trained First Aiders. A member of staff will be onsite at all times.

Site Information

What are the actual start and finish times of the weekend?

We ask that everyone arrives no earlier than 12:30pm on Friday. We'll be serving lunch at 1pm. Our organised activities finish at 3:30pm on Sunday. You'll then have until 5pm to pack up and depart.

What if I need to leave early?

You are free to leave whenever you'd like! However, a full ticket must still be purchased, even if you can't stay for the whole weekend.

Are campervans and caravans allowed?

No.

What are the bunks like?

Bunks are available both in the Molesworth Building and in the Cabin, with total accommodation available for 36 people. In the Molesworth Building, there are bunks available for 8 people in the Trescowe Room, for 6 in the Pencarrow Room and a further 3 in the Leaders' Room. The Cabin has bunks available for 16 people (2 rooms of 8 bunks each), plus bunks for a further 3 in a leaders' room. The bunks are all very basic single, metal-framed bunks with mattresses, but you will need to provide your own sleeping bag and pillow (and any extra bedding you'd like). You can see more detail of the bunks along with photos on the [Nine Ashes website](http://www.nineashes.com) (www.nineashes.com).

What's the toilet and shower situation?

There are four toilets in the Molesworth Building, where the bunks are located. There is also a disabled toilet and shower block attached to the building. There are additional shower and toilet blocks in the field and car park, with a total of 10 toilets and 10 showers. All toilets and showers are cleaned regularly, and Nine Ashes aims to keep their standard as high as possible. We do request that you all help by keeping the facilities as tidy as possible.

What size tent can I bring?

Any size at all! Big ones, little ones, teepees, yurts, pop-up tents, tiny pup tents or big family-size tents. It's entirely up to you. We have virtually unlimited space in the fields at Nine Ashes, so let's fill it up!

Will there be help available in setting up my tent?

No outside help, but we'll all be there to lend a hand and help each other in true WI fashion!

Will I be able to use an electrical socket to inflate my air mattress?

No. There is no electrical supply in the field and cars are not permitted on the field. We recommend you bring a mechanical foot pump or a healthy set of lungs!

Are dogs allowed?

No dogs are allowed on the site except for assistance dogs.

Is there room for a gazebo or marquee?

Of course! If you, or a group of you, would like to bring along a gazebo or marquee, that would be great. Don't forget to bring some bunting or solar/battery-powered fairy lights to decorate it! Cake, Craft & Camping would happily welcome the loan of any spare gazebos to use for any of our activities and social gatherings during the weekend, please let us know if you have one.

Can I bring my trailer?

You are welcome to bring a trailer to help transport your camping equipment to the campsite, but no vehicles are permitted on the field. We will all pitch in and help each other carry things!

Can I have a fire pit or barbecue?

Fires are permitted but only on raised altar fires (available free from Nine Ashes reception). As Nine Ashes is situated within 25 acres of natural ancient woodland, there is ample timber suitable for fires just lying around on the ground. There is also a central wood pile near the entrance to the playground area. Please do not bark, cut or fell any standing timber.

Ticketing

When and where can I apply for a ticket?

Apply for a ticket just as you would for any CFWI event. Your Secretary will be receiving all application details in mid-to-late-April, ready for your May WI meeting. If you missed out on hearing about it at your WI meeting, please contact the CFWI office on (01872) 272843 or cfwi@btconnect.com.

What is included in my ticket price?

Two nights' accommodation at Nine Ashes campsite, all meals for the weekend (lunch and an evening meal on Friday; three meals on Saturday; and breakfast and lunch on Sunday); access to the Molesworth Building where our meals will be served; access to the Activity Barn (where some of our workshops will be held); a full programme of lovely activities; and the chance to have fun with WI members from all over Cornwall.

Programme of Activities

Who will run the programme activities?

Most of our workshops and activities will be led by WI members. Wherever possible, we like to celebrate the shared skills and talents of WI members and to share our wealth of knowledge. However, some of the activities on offer require specialist instruction and supervision, so those will be led by Nine Ashes instructors. A full programme of events for the three days is attached.

Will activities be indoors or outdoors?

Some of each! Some of our craft workshops will be held indoors in the Activity Barn, but we'd like to be outdoors as much as possible. Ultimately, it will depend a bit on the weather. Start crossing your fingers now for glorious sunshine, please!

Competitions

Best Decorated Tent

There will be a prize for the best decorated tent! Think big! Bring bunting, solar/battery-powered fairy lights or any other decorations you'd like!

Best Name Badge

There will also be a prize for the best name badge. Please come with your own name badge, which must include your name and your WI. Beyond that, it's up to you. Any medium, any size, etc.

Charities

Our chosen charity for Cake, Craft & Camping 2019 is [ACWW](#). There will be Pennies for Friendship teapots scattered around the site during the weekend. Please bring your spare change and give generously.

We will also be supporting [Against Breast Cancer](#) by collecting your useable used bras. Their bra recycling scheme takes your unwanted or unloved bras, and through our network of bra banks raises vital funds for pioneering breast cancer research. The same bras also help to support small businesses in Africa. Together with recycling partners, the textile recovery project prevents these bras going into landfill before giving them a new lease of life in developing countries such as Togo, Ghana and Kenya, where bras remain too expensive to produce locally.

How to Get There

What are the address and directions for Nine Ashes?

Old School Lane, Washaway, Bodmin, Cornwall, PL30 3AD.

Please do not rely on sat-nav for accurate directions to Nine Ashes.

Directions – when in Cornwall, head toward Bodmin. After driving through Bodmin, take the third exit at the mini roundabout towards Wadebridge. The road goes down a steep hill, over a disused railway line, over a bridge and climbs back up through a wooded area. At the brow of the hill take a right at the fork in the road. This is the Camelford Road (listed also as Pencarrow House and Nine Ashes). On the road is a left hand bend with a sign for Pencarrow House. As you go around this bend, Nine Ashes Scout Activity Centre is the left hand turning straight ahead of you.



Nine Ashes Activity Centre and Campsite Site Map

