

Our popular holiday guide has been updated by the Naval Families Federation team to provide you with ideas for short or long trips; staying in the UK or travelling abroad, on the water, in pods, motorhomes, skiing and snowboarding!

Some options are managed from offices within HM Naval Bases (HMNB) by Central Amenities Funds and Local Amenities Fund Managers, meaning prices are low or subsidised (prices quoted were current at time of our research but please confirm and check before booking). There will be a lot of familiar content in the guide and new stuff too!

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Caravans, Cottages, Motorhomes and More! Scotland - HMNB Clyde



CAF (Central Amenities Fund) Holiday Bookings. HMS Neptune CAF administers a number of caravans and accommodation centres at various fantastic locations in the Scottish Highlands. These facilities are available for rent by all HMNB Clyde personnel at costs well below comparable civilian rates and provide opportunities for Service, Civil Service personnel and their families to enjoy the beauty and vast range of activities in the Highlands. Service Personnel will always have preference in booking. So, if you have not made use of the facilities before, pop along and see the CAF Manager on the ground floor of the Neptune Admin building, or by telephone **01436677266/932556443**, or email to robert.rennie958@mod.gov.uk

Aultbea

Aultbea is home to 4 static caravans that are in a secluded spot on the beautiful banks of Loch Ewe. Part of the north coast 500, and only a 40-minute drive from Ullapool, this is the perfect getaway for family and friends to enjoy walking, cycling, swimming in a crystal-clear loch or head out for the day to discover the local area.

This place is steeped in history from WW2, and you can see the remnants of the loch's defences in Cove. **From £320 a week (6 berth)**

Pine Cottage

Pine cottage in Newtonmore is in the centre of Scotland, it has absolutely everything you need for a family break or a group of friends to head up and enjoy the facilities in the area. From **£18pppn** or **£45 for the family unit** (2 adults, 2 children).

Short Term Accommodation

3 Bedroomed houses available to service personnel and MOD civilians. These houses are available to rent for short periods of time to enable serving personnel to retain contact with their wider family. All homes are partially furnished with fully fitted kitchen and bathroom, microwave, TV, Fridge, crockery, and iron. No towels are provided so you will need to bring your own. Contact the STFAC on email: caffaslanestfac@gmail.com. **Price £50 per night** per house.

Tentbox Hire

Fancy a weekend away in style? Why not hire out the **CAF's Tentbox for £25**. (Roof bars not included). Please get in touch with Robert at the Central Amenities Office for more information on any of the above great holiday options; CAF Manager is based on the ground floor of the Neptune Admin building, or by telephone **0143 667 7266** or internal phone system **9325 56 443**, or email to robert.rennie958@mod.gov.uk

Elddis Motorhome

The Elddis 155 Motor Home is a popular vehicle. Available for self-drive rental all year round. It has facilities and accommodation for 4 people. The layout is complete with a luxury kitchen, shower room with toilet, storage and full-size dinette. It has flexible sleeping arrangements for up to 2 double beds and 1 single.

Drivers must be over 22 years of age and have been in possession of a full UK driving licence for 2 years. A refundable deposit of £500 is required prior to the hire period. A further refundable deposit is required which will be returned upon the vehicle being returned with a full tank of fuel.

Prices 1st May – 30th September inclusive

Junior rates **£500 per week**

Senior rates and Officers **£530 per week**

MOD Civilians **£600 per week.**

Please contact Robert to confirm prices for October to April.

Rothiemurchus Lodge Aviemore

Rothiemurchus Lodge provides accommodation for regular and ex-regular members of the Armed Forces in addition to Reserves, MoD Civilians and Cadet Forces. The families of these groups are also welcome. The Lodge is now also available for use by the Scout Association, Girl Guide Association and other recognised Youth organisations including schools, outside the MoD family.

The Lodge has 102 beds over three separate accommodation buildings. The breathtaking Cairngorms and Spey Valley provide the perfect surroundings for skiing, mountain biking, climbing, hillwalking, fishing, canoeing, windsurfing and much more.

Benefits include:

- Self-catering accommodation for 102 guests – ideal for groups.
- All rooms centrally heated and double-glazed. Some have ensuite facilities.
- Large, fully equipped kitchens with fridge, freezer, microwave ovens, crockery and cutlery. The Union Jack Lodge has industrial dishwashers.
- Washing and drying facilities.
- Linen and towels can be provided at an extra charge.
- TVs in each of the four lounges as well as in ensuite rooms.
- WiFi is available at a small charge.

For more details and to book please visit

<https://rothiemurchus.co.uk/>



FOR NARROWBOATS, THE NEW FOREST, PODS AND THE NAVY MEWS CONTACT HMNB PORTSMOUTH

The Local Amenities Fund (LAF) has 3 narrowboats for hire, for serving personnel based within HMNB Portsmouth. The boats are based in Warwickshire at Napton Junction. From the base you can sail the waterways around Oxfordshire and Warwickshire or around the Grand Union Canal. The 3 vessels range from 8 berth to 12 berth and come equipped with a fully fitted kitchen and bathroom facilities all you need to bring is bed linen and towels. Ideal for families or small groups, they even allow your furry friend! The vessels are available for weekend, mid-week and full week hire (Sunday to Sunday), from March to November, **hire charges from £625 rising to £925 in the summer period.**

For full information and booking please contact LAF HMS Nelson on **02392724185** or email NAVYNBCP-EXECLAFMGR@mod.uk For more information the boats please visit calcuttboats.com

“We have never been canal boating before so we were really nervous as to what to expect. The team at Calcutt boats were so informative and so patient with an overanxious Mum and two over excited girls! the week went by too fast even in the rain. The boats are warm comfortable and very well equipped with everything you need. We had a great time exploring the waterways around Warwickshire.”

Nelson's Cabin New Forest

A luxurious 3 bed cabin situated in Shorefield Country Park, Milford-on-sea. The lodge comes with fully fitted kitchen and bathroom, outdoor seating area, TV/DVD Player, bedding and cutlery, all you need to bring are towels. The hire cost includes the use of both indoor and outdoor pools, access to the amusement park, play parks, astroturf and tennis courts (some charges may apply). The cabin can be hired for weekend and full week breaks and charges start at **£200 rising to £525 in high season.**

For full information and booking please contact LAF HMS Nelson on **02392724185** or email NAVYNBCP-EXECLAFMGR@mod.uk

“Nelson's Cabin is a great way spend some quality time together as a family, with great facilities both in the lodge and on site for all of the family to enjoy”.



HMS Nelson Navy Mews

A five apartment complex situated within the gates of HMS Nelson. The Mews can be booked by serving personnel for quality time with their families both immediate and extended. Each apartment is uniquely furnished and fully equipped with modern appliances, games, books, toys, TV's and fully fitted kitchen and bathrooms. The apartments can sleep between 3 and 7 people and are available for weekend, mid-week and fully week bookings.

Please visit the Accommodation Office in Jervis Block, HMS Nelson, or email Navynbcp-navymews@mod.gov.uk or call **02392 728767**. Ask for the current RN Temporary Memorandum for prices, booking information, terms and conditions.



Poppy Pods Tile Barn Outdoor Centre, New Forest

The Enda Ryan Poppy Pod Village is legacy to Armed Service personnel. These Pods are here in perpetuity to recognise and remember the sacrifices made and faced by the Armed Forces Community.

The Pods provide residential holiday/respice facilities for service personnel, veterans and their families at a discounted rate and have been designed with accessibility in mind. Facilities include a fixed double bed/seating area, Two folding camp beds, USB phone charging socket, LED lighting

Please note, bedding is not provided, you will need to take pillows and sleeping bags or duvets, fitted sheets and duvet covers for your stay.

AMENITIES AND UTILITIES ON SITE

- Disabled access
- Drying room
- Free Wi-Fi
- Parent and baby washroom
- Toilet block
- Hot showers
- Washing-up area
- Car park
- Souvenir shop and vending machine
- Electric car charging point
- Secure charging lockers for mobiles/laptops/tablets
- Communal fridge

This project has been made possible with the help of the Armed Forces Community Covenant, the Royal British Legion Brockenhurst Branch and Hampshire County Council.

Available at a discounted rate, you must register to the Poppy Pod Military scheme. The Scheme is only open to current serving members of the UK Armed Forces, reservists or military veterans who served in a full-time capacity.

PLEASE VISIT: Tile Barn Outdoor Centre
<https://bit.ly/TileBarn>

LOOKING FOR A BREAK IN LONDON?

The Victory Services Club (VSC) is the only military club in London, that offers membership to solely service and ex-service personnel of all ranks and rates. Located a stone's throw from Marble Arch, Hyde Park and Oxford Street, the range of accommodation is suitable for all occasions from single rooms for one night to family rooms for weekend breaks. The club runs special offers throughout the year. For more information, please visit www.vsc.co.uk



The Union Jack Club

The Union Jack Club is available to all current serving and ex-serving non-commissioned personnel. Located next to Waterloo station, and ideal for visits to the capital. Modern comfortable rooms both ensuite and shared bathrooms. Large dining and bar area. There is also access to an internet café, gym, library, baggage storage area and laundrette. All non-commissioned members of the Armed forces are automatically members, upon production of ID. For more information, please visit <https://ujc.org.uk/>



KEEN TO EXPLORE THE SOUTH WEST?

Available from RN Air Station Yeovilton (HMS Heron) Warneford VC is a 70ft owl class canal boat that sleeps up to 10 people. It comes with a fully equipped kitchen, bathroom, two dining areas and beds for everyone. Heating and hot water provided by the diesel system onboard. HMS Herons narrowboat is moored on the Kennet and Avon canal near Trowbridge and puts you within easy reach of Bath and Bradford-upon-Avon. Full safety brief is given at the start of your stay, along with tuition on how to manoeuvre and enjoy the vessel correctly. Hire charges start at **£550 for weekend breaks** rising to **£950 for weekly stays** during high season. For more information, please contact HMS Heron station amenities on **01935 45 5556**.



Cornish Charm Holiday Home, Bude

The Cornish Charm is a holiday home for hire located in Bude, North Cornwall. It is a 3-bedroom home, equipped with fully fitted kitchen and bathroom, TV, cutlery and everything else you may need for your stay. Hire charges start around **£150 for low season weekend stay** rising to **£600 for full week stays** in high season. For more information, please contact HMS Heron station amenities on **01935 45 5556**.

Available from the Central Amenities Fund (CAF) HMS Drake, Holiday Home, Devon Cliffs, Exmouth.

The CAF at HMS Drake has a lovely 8 berth caravan, based at the HAVEN holiday park, Devon Cliffs, Sandy Bay, Exmouth. The caravan is available to hire by the week from March to October. Charges start at £580 in low season rising to £845 in high season. All onsite facilities included in the hire charge. The caravan is equipped with a fully fitted kitchen, bathroom and two double bedrooms with folding sofa bed in the main living area. You will need to provide your own bed linen and towels.

For bookings, please contact WO1 Twigg on mod email or via **07968 419 824**.

Available from Commando Training Centre (CTC) Lymstone

Polzeath Caravan, just metres away from the beach front, Polzeath Beach Holiday Park, is easily located for access to Tintagel and Padstow on the North Cornish coast.

CTC owns two fully equipped 6 berth caravans, which are available to hire, by naval personnel and their families. Each caravan comes with fully equipped kitchens and bathrooms, you just need to bring your own linen and towels. The caravans are available to hire between March and October and can be booked for weekend to weekly stays. Prices start at **£120 for a low season weekend stay** rising to **£495 for a high season week stay**. For bookings, please contact **0139 241 4456** or email **NAVYTRGCTCRM-SPTWAMENITIES@mod.uk**



The China Fleet Club is set in 180 acres of exquisite countryside, on the cusp of Devon and Cornwall, China Fleet is one of the South West's leading country clubs. Just 15 minutes from Plymouth's city centre, sitting on the stunning Tamar Estuary, it provides the perfect opportunity for a break away from suburban life. Whatever your age, interests, or work pattern, you're guaranteed to find something you'll love at China Fleet!

With an extensive offering to suit all lifestyles and a knowledgeable,

friendly team dedicated to ensuring you have an enjoyable time. Visit and make the most of our 4-star self-catering apartment-style holiday accommodation, Health Club membership with access to the gym, swimming pool, Aqua Spa, fitness classes, racquet sports, Woodland Adventure Golf, 18-hole golf course, top tracer Driving Range, cafe & restaurant dining, spa... all in a truly breathtaking location!

For more information and bookings please visit **china-fleet.co.uk** or telephone **01752 84 8668**

Wales

The Nuffield Centre at the Joint Service Mountain Training Centre Indefatigable provides affordable accommodation for Service Personnel and their families in North Wales on the banks of the Menai Strait. The Nuffield Centre is unrivalled as a base for exploring the coast and mountains of North Wales. Only a minutes' drive from the A55 and A5, the access is easy and the scenery stunning.

Located on The Isle of Anglesey is surrounded by 125 miles of coastline and a host of historical sites. Snowdonia, a magnet for climbers and walkers is just a short drive away and on the Llyn Peninsula you will find some of the best sailing and surfing beaches in North Wales. Prices vary, but a family room with shared facilities start at **£29 per night**.

For more information and booking please visit **www.nuffieldanglesey.org.uk**



SOME AMAZING ORGANISATIONS ENABLING YOU TO ENJOY PRECIOUS FAMILY TIME

SSAFA Breaks

SSAFA Breaks for Armed Forces families with children aged 5-18 years who have additional or medical needs. There must be at least one parent attending alongside their children. For more information, please see www.ssafa.org.uk and search holidays



Family Activity Breaks (FAB)

Family Activity Breaks (FAB) is a non-public funded tri service charity in partnership with YHA (England & Wales) Ltd. Providing fun challenging activity camps around the UK for bereaved military families. If your child is aged up to 19 years and suffered the loss of a loved one who was serving in the Armed Forces, then you may be eligible for a FAB camp. For more information, please visit <https://fabcamps.org.uk/>

Calvert Kielder

Calvert Kielder offers days, holidays, and experiences where relaxation and escape meet exploration and adventure. Located in the North of England. Calvert Kielder offers Armed forces weekends throughout the year.

For more information, please see <https://bit.ly/ForcesandVeterans>



Give Us Time

Give Us Time takes commercially let accommodation donated by owners of holiday groups, hotels, holiday homes and timeshares, and matches them with military families in need of rest, rehabilitation, and reconnection with their families.

Give Us Time helps service families reconnect to life after deployments and provides the chance to spend time together and to reaffirm family bonds and strengthen relationships. Give Us Time holidays are almost always accommodation only, except in exceptional circumstances.

For more information, please see

www.giveustime.org.uk



Naval Outdoors Centre Germany (NOCG)

Naval Outdoors Centre Germany (NOCG) offers all RN/RM service personnel and their families the chance to use the facilities at the centre over Christmas and Easter at a heavily subsidised price. Personnel are eligible to apply and there is a very high demand for the family packages!

NOCG is in the small town of Bad Oberdorf in Southern Bavaria, Germany. It is 76km from the closest airport of Memmingen or 193km from Munich airport. The accommodation is 4* Bavarian style hotel with ensuite rooms, with a mixture of single and bunk beds. The family package is full board, so all meals are provided, with a cash bar. All passes for the local ski lifts are included in the price. Prices vary due to rank/rate and prices start from **£75 per person per week.**

Ski and Snowboard equipment hire from the local store across from the hotel.

A great time exploring the snow-covered mountains in the winter or the forests and fields in the spring, can be had by all ages. Ski schools located at most resorts that passes cover. For more details on eligibility, prices, application

form and facilities please see <https://nocg.co.uk/>

"We went skiing over the new year period with one of the NOCG holidays, the hotel is so warm and welcoming, the Navy staff are great at making sure you have everything you need. The food is plentiful and varied. Our new year was celebrated in style with a fabulous evening meal, drinks with all the families there watching the fireworks set off all over the village. Definitely recommended to all who fancy something different."