



When you hear the term 'getting back to nature', your brain might automatically turn to the idea of outdoor showers and treks through forests, and you'd be right! But The Firs brings an element of luxury to your visit, so you never feel like you're slumming it. Instead, you can count it as an experience you'll never forget, for all the right reasons. Are you ready for a glamping holiday of a lifetime?

A BLISSFUL HIDEAWAY

The 22-acre site is set around a farmhouse and has a range of glamping accommodation options for you to choose from, with large bell tents and teepees for you to get comfortable in. All are equipped with proper beds, mattresses and bedding, so you are guaranteed a good night's sleep in nature. One of the best things about the location is that it is just a short drive from Birmingham. Turn off at J5 on the M5 and you are almost there, so you can plan regular retreats without having to travel too far.

And despite its proximity to the city, you will feel like you're a million miles away from all the chaos. And it is the perfect location for big groups of people to stay. You can book out the whole venue for your occasion, whether that's a birthday,

anniversary, wellness retreat or a wedding and there will be room for everyone.

To add that premium edge to your visit, The Firs has recently obtained its alcohol license and there is now has a bar. There are plans for a fine-dining set-up in the woodlands, allowing you to enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the space at the same time as eating really good food. There are fire pits, which are great for relaxing around in the evening, and the showers might be outdoors, but they come with some truly breathtaking views that will make for a lovely cleansing experience.

A LAID-BACK VIBE

Sarah and Zak Sweeney took over the site in 2019, but this is their second season welcoming guests. They have a lot of ideas on how to create a chilled-out, festival space, with plans to convert some of the grade-II listed barns to high-end holiday lets and a full calendar of wellness activities currently being created.

But if you don't want to follow a timetable, this is the perfect place to unwind and take your time. There are lots of local attractions within walking distance, including National Trust site Hanbury Hall and plenty of village-style pubs. If you just want to

A BLANK CANVAS FOR YOUR GLAMPING RETREAT

put on your walking boots and head out, the site lies right on the Hanbury Circular, so you can stroll to your heart's content!

A TAILORED RETREAT

Sarah considers The Firs to be a blank canvas when it comes to retreats. She is happy to tailor a whole weekend around what her guests want. In the past they've had people bring alpacas, bucking broncos and arcade machines, but she suggests that it would also be a great spot for clay pigeon shooting, axe-throwing or garden games. She's keen to provide for everyone.

Sarah has a full directory of wellness practitioners on hand. From yoga instructors, meditation experts and breathwork guides to those offering sound baths, nutritional information and rapid transformational therapy. In the future you might also see cold water plunge baths on the site. So, if you want to organise your own wellness retreat that works around your groups' needs, Sarah can help.

One of the loveliest things about The Firs is that whichever accommodation option you choose, you'll feel like you've picked the best one. Sarah still can't pick a favourite spot, "The haybarn is probably one of my favourite places. The glamping

feels lovely because it's got a nice view, but the woodlands, especially in April, it's like a sea of bluebells, it's quite stunning. People always say it's quite magical here".

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