



The Rowan Hide

The Rowan hide is reached from the steps at the side of the garden leading into the field. These steps also lead to the fruit cage and polytunnel – these areas are strictly out of bounds for visitors.

The rowan hide has 4 windows at seated height. There is seating to suit most people. There is a shelf in front of the openings on which a hide clamp can be fixed. Using a hide clamp is best but a bean bag will suffice for most subjects.

Two windows face up the field toward the road and the other two face off to the side. The hide therefore, only accommodates two people.

The windows are unscreened but there is some netting in the hide to use if you feel that the birds are aware of your presence; this is not usually a problem with the small garden/woodland birds. The windows to the side have an exterior polythene shield which can be lowered.

All windows open inwards and are held open with hooks and chains.

Alongside the hide is a galvanised bin which stores seed, peanuts and dried mealworm. Various clamps are either in the galvanised box or outside.

Outside the hide are several steel supports for perches or larger branches for attracting woodpecker. Small garden/woodland birds regularly use the feeders as do corvids and woodpeckers. Buzzards use the perches from time to time too.



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Likely Visitors

Blue tits, coal tits, great tit, nuthatch, chaffinch, robin, dunnock, sparrow, long-tailed tit, jay, great-spotted woodpecker and (occasionally) wren.

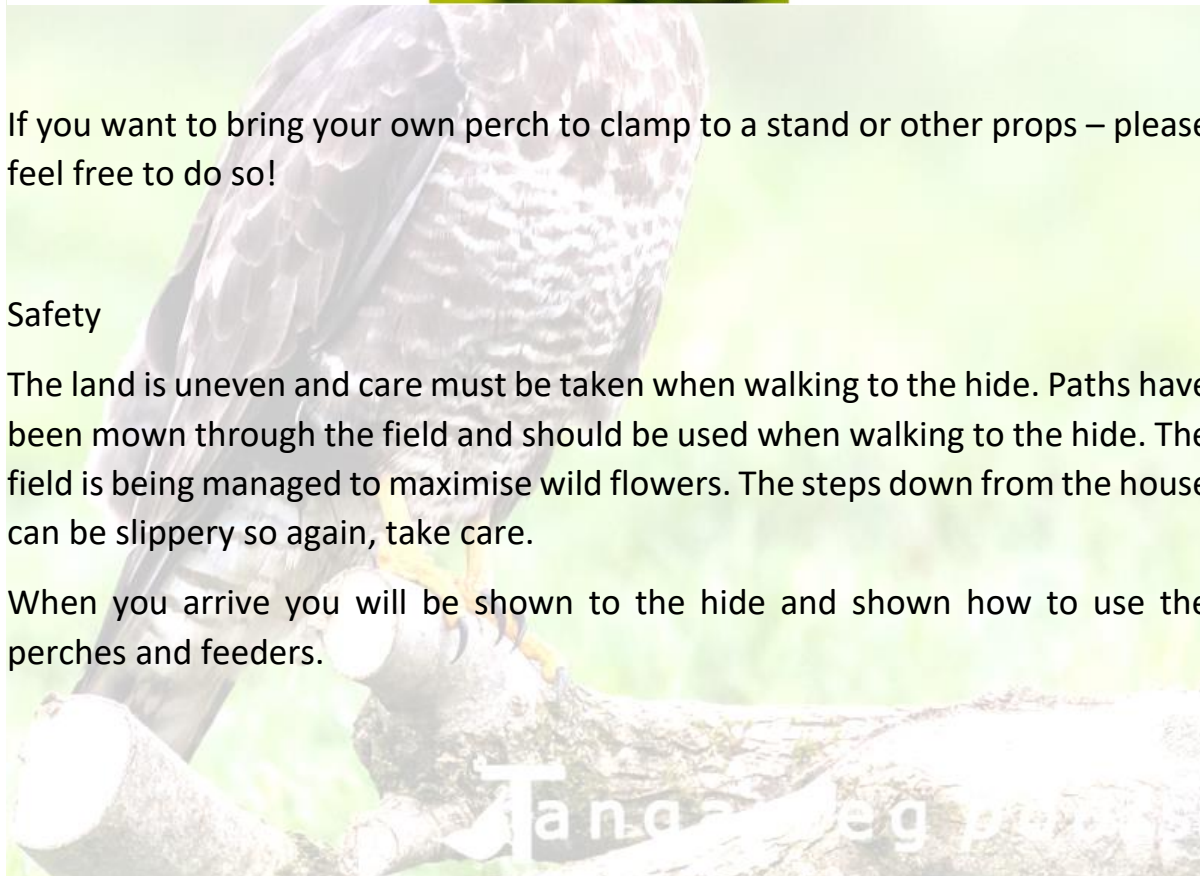


If you want to bring your own perch to clamp to a stand or other props – please feel free to do so!

Safety

The land is uneven and care must be taken when walking to the hide. Paths have been mown through the field and should be used when walking to the hide. The field is being managed to maximise wild flowers. The steps down from the house can be slippery so again, take care.

When you arrive you will be shown to the hide and shown how to use the perches and feeders.



COVID-19

At the current time (October 2021) the hides are open and can be used by up to two people at any one time. If there are two using the hide then masks must be worn inside the hides. You should be double vaccinated or have had a negative lateral flow test within 48 hours of using the hide.

Indoor facilities (toilet, tea/coffee) can only be used by those who can show negative lateral flow test and/or double vaccinated status (available from Welsh Government site).

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