

Rules for Entry to Ogof Capel – September 2024

Conditions for Entry	
1.1	Dry access to the cave is via Ogof Gelynnen. Parties shall be accompanied by one of the Ogof Capel leaders listed with contact details on the Caving Wales website.
1.2	The gate should be kept locked at all times.
1.3	The book kept just beyond the gate must be fully completed for every person entering the cave. This should include a clear indication of the date and time of entry, club (if applicable), route to be taken, etc.
1.4	The cave environment is both delicate and irreplaceable. Conservation of the cave is therefore of paramount importance. Please do not touch mud or calcite formations, alter the structure of the cave, or cross or move marker tapes. Take special care in Slalom Passage, with no more than two people at a time in the final section.
1.5	Any installations, apparatus and equipment in the cave must not be tampered with or damaged.
1.6	During your visit all litter should be taken away. The committee would appreciate the removal of any litter discovered.
1.7	Proposals for digging, blasting, research and any commercial activity require special permission. Apply to the MLCMAC secretary. Camping is not permitted in the cave.
1.8	Safe caving practice must be maintained. Adequate caving clothing, footwear, helmets and electric lights must be used. Emergency equipment, such as a first aid kit, exposure blanket, spare food and spare light, is highly recommended.
1.9	The leader of the party should satisfy themselves that the party is adequately equipped, for the conduct of the party, and that all members of the party are sufficiently experienced, given the fragile nature of the cave.
1.10	Party size is restricted to a maximum of 3, including the leader.
1.11	Leaders of parties are required to report any conduct which is not in accordance with these access rules.
1.12	Cavers enter at their own risk. The cave is not recommended for children.
1.13	During wet weather, the duck can become impassable. The leader should be aware of the prevailing weather conditions.
2.0 Applications for Access	
2.1	Caving clubs and individual cavers should make arrangements to visit the cave by contacting any of the leaders on the list on the Caving Wales website. They must have active caver insurance via the British Caving Association or have similar cover, e.g. from an equivalent body abroad.
2.2	Professionally led trips are not permitted in Ogof Capel.

2.3	Any requests for access that fall outside the scope of these rules should be made to the MLCMAC secretary who will discuss with the committee and consult with other parties as necessary.
2.4	Breach of these conditions may result in future applications for access being refused.
3.0	Rules for Leaders
3.1	Anyone wishing to become a leader for the cave should apply in writing to the secretary of MLCMAC. Such requests will be considered on their individual merits at the next meeting of MLCMAC.
3.2	Leaders may not necessarily be allocated their own key, but priority will be given to those who lead trips most frequently. Any keyholder who has not used their key for a period of more than 5 years may be asked to return it so that it can be reallocated.
3.3	Leaders should be willing to lead trips on an occasional basis when contacted by groups or individuals wishing to visit the cave, and are expected to consent to their contact details being made available via the Ogof Capel leaders list.
3.4	MLCMAC may from time-to-time review and update the leaders list as it deems appropriate. Every effort will be made to contact leaders before removing them.
3.5	Leaders should report to MLCMAC any issues that occurred during their trip, or any damage discovered within the cave. Leaders may occasionally be required to assist with conservation work, such as renewal of taping.