

Visit Mirkwood!



This beautiful and mysterious forest is the largest of Middle Earth. Come and immerse yourself in a world of tall, dark trees, where the "uncanny darkness" and "queer noises" enchant you. Even the air is a quality that will surprise your lungs. Through the "darkened-green glimmer" it is an interesting and unique wood. But don't take our word for it, you've got to see for yourself!

Mirkwood is renowned for its tourist-friendly wildlife such as "black squirrels" and "huge bats." It is a visit the whole family can enjoy. It has everything to offer: a gift shop, exciting rides, remarkable things to see, rest stops, and cozy accommodations.

Whether you're staying for a week or just passing by—come and see what Mirkwood is all about. We guarantee it'll be a memorable trip.



Beorn's Restaurant, Gift Shop and Pony Rides



A mile or so before entering the wood you'll find Beorn's Restaurant and Gift Shop. Even if just passing through, you must stop at his Restaurant and sample his delicious honey from the surrounding beehives. See his world-famous animal friends, who walk, talk (in animal language), and serve you. If stopping by after 10pm, you and your family may be lucky enough to see Beorn change his skin, and become a huge black bear. Just outside the Restaurant he'll show you his impressive collection of impaled goblin heads and warg skins.

Once you've purchased the supplies for your adventure at Beorn's Gift Shop, you can make your way to Mirkwood on Beorn's Family Pony Ride. They carry all ages, as they are tame beasts, but don't try and take them beyond Mirkwood's entrance, or Beorn may be displaying your heads in his collection next.

The Enchanted Stream

Stop by and have a sip or take a dip in the famous black stream when you get thirsty. As legend has it, it will relax you for many days and give you dreams of enchantment.

Giant Spiders' Lodge



After your first day of fun in wonderful Mirkwood, you may find a soft bed and long sleep is what you need. Then come on by the Giant Spiders' Lodge, where it's "like a patch of midnight that hasn't been cleared away." There's always room, and the spiders will be happy to see you! We're sure you'll never experienced such comfort, as you'll find in their web-spun cocoons. And you can throw those sleeping pills away because they provide a complimentary sting to help you sleep. Don't be shy, come on by the Giant Spiders' Lodge. We'll wrap you up in comfort!



Treetop Cafe

Before you go get the best rest you'll ever experience at the Giant Spiders' Lodge, you may need some refreshments or maybe just a change of scenery. Come to the Treetop Café and feel the breeze on your face and watch the hundreds of black, velvety butterflies. It's a bit of a climb, but to many of our guests this is a necessary stop to remind oneself that there is light outside of Mirkwood.

Late-Night Marring!

We know by this point your visit will have been full of excitement, but don't miss the spectacular Wood Elves' Parties. Just listen for "beautiful singing" and "eclectic laughter" when you reach the beech and oak trees. Yes, they can be difficult to find, and they don't always stick around, but for a brief and wonderful moment, you can experience the merry-making of a lifetime.



Wood Elf Hospitality

For special guests who do find the wild parties, a stay at the lovely Wood Elf Dungeon comes next. It's located in "a great cave full of countless small ones" a few miles northeast of the Great Spiders' Lodge. You will be locked up tight in its "tight and wholesome" atmosphere as to ensure a plenty long rest from a visit full of sensation.

Barrel Rides

The last thing, but certainly not the least enjoyable is the barrel ride, a favorite among our guests. The ride is a thrilling one and takes you out of the Wood Elf Dungeon on the Forest River. You're sure to get a little wet, but it's a jumble of a tumble of fun!



Note:

There's a small fee to visit the wood, but it's well worth it—as it's an ineffable experience. Mirkywood National Forest is not responsible for any wounds, illnesses, memory loss, or deaths related to thirst, hunger, unsafe grounds, park wildlife, or anything having to do with the park in any way. A full liability form must be signed before anyone is permitted to enter, and some restrictions apply.



We're located at 555 Old Forest Road, just east of the Great River of Wilderland. Carrock Parking is an additional fee.

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