

## **Important Information please take the time to read.**

**There are no public toilets beyond those in Clapham village carpark.**

***Please note that Ingleborough Cave is a separate attraction and not connected in any way with the Gaping Gill Winch.***

### **Advice for visitors**

- The walk from Clapham to Gaping Gill can take up to 1 ½ hours or longer depending on your fitness and ability.
- Please bring your own suitable warm waterproof clothing, gloves and footwear for your visit underground, we provide helmets.
- Portaloos are provided near Ingleborough Cave.
- At Gaping Gill there is only a very basic 'field latrine' facility available for our visitors.
- Please bring your own refreshments and food as none are provided at Gaping Gill.
- Hot & cold drinks, confectionary and ice cream are available during opening hours at Ingleborough Cave on your walk up.
- If the Winch is not running due to bad weather or excessive numbers a notice will be posted at Ingleborough Cave for your information.
- Maximum weight on the winch is 20 Stone (125Kg).
- The main chamber is floodlit but a torch will add to your enjoyment, enabling you to explore the nooks and crannies.
- Throughout the Main Chamber are strategically placed notice boards, which enable the visitor to explore the cavern without the need for a guide.
- Photography is allowed so do bring a camera, but bear in mind it is very damp underground so care must be taken to avoid damage to electronic equipment.

### **Children**

- Minimum age is 6 years at the Meet Leader's discretion, and all children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Should the child, a member of winch crew or the day leader be unhappy then the child may be prevented from descending.

### **Winch Closed Sign**

- If the winch is closed for any reason, a sign will be displayed at Ingleborough Cave for your information.
- Ingleborough Cave displays the Gaping Gill winch closure notice at the request of the Bradford Pothole Club.
- Please note that the Ingleborough Cave staff are not responsible for the Bradford Pothole Club's decision when to close the winch.
- Ingleborough Cave will be open as advertised throughout the duration of the BPC winch meet. See here for more detail [Ingleborough Cave](#)

### **Camping**

- Only members of the Bradford Pothole Club are permitted to camp at Gaping Gill

- Natural England and Ingleborough Estate do not permit wild camping anywhere on the Estate.
- If you require a campsite or a bunkhouse visit [www.claphamyorkshire.co.uk](http://www.claphamyorkshire.co.uk) .

### **Groups**

- Please keep numbers to a maximum of 10 persons.

### **Visiting Cavers**

- The Bradford Pothole Club welcomes fellow cavers to our winch meet
- In addition to the winch, during the meet some of the alternative ways into the system may also be rigged for SRT.
- Only competent cavers with suitable experience and equipment, who have BCA Insurance, may access alternative entrances into the Gaping Gill system.
- If visiting cavers choose to use our equipment it is on the understanding that they do this entirely at their own risk.
- Please note that descents/ascents of those routes landing in the Main Chamber (Main Shaft/ Dihedral/ Rat Hole, etc.) are not permitted
- Any existing rigging should not be tampered with or left in an unsafe condition.
- Cavers entering the system using any of the alternative entrances must sign in (and out) with the booking in tent.
- Anyone who plans to use the winch to enter or exit the system must book in, pay the usual fee of £15 and collect a numbered tag.

### **Further Information**

- Professional film or photography requests require six weeks' notice.
- No pets are allowed down Gaping Gill, please arrange your own pet babysitter, as we do not offer this service.
- If there is not enough information here on the website to answer all your questions, please contact David Brook On 01484 683260 or e-mail by clicking blue button [Gaping Gill Enquiries](#)