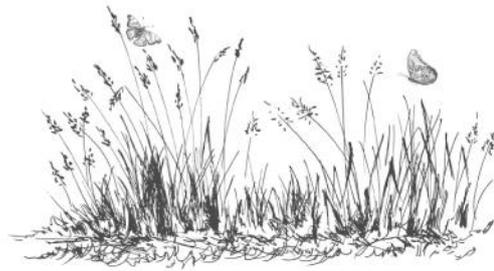


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Enjoying the Hot Tub at Stone Barn

These notes are provided so you and your party can get the maximum enjoyment from the hot tub safely. They include the questions guests ask most frequently about using the hot tub.

SAFETY FIRST

Health and Safety requirements

We are required to check and record the chemical levels in the hot tub daily. We also check the water level and top up if needed. We aim to check around 9.30am (we agree this with you on arrival), and very occasionally in the evening. We do not enter if you are in the tub. However, please do bear in mind that if you are in or around the tub all day, we will still need to make a check.

Children

According to the American Academy of Paediatrics, children under five should not go in a hot tub. Older children should only use a tub if they can stand up in the middle with their head above water. Even if your child can swim, drowning can occur from over-heating or after a bump on the head. They advise children to be within arm's length of a supervising adult and to limit the time to 10-15 minutes or less to prevent overheating and dehydration.

BEFORE YOU START

Please shower before using the tub. This is important as elements such as fake tan, make-up, sun cream and dirt make the tub water cloudy. If you are wearing fake tan, we suggest you exfoliate before entering the tub if you can as the cloudy water does impact everyone else's experience.

We suggest flip flops or slip-on shoes and a robe for the walk to the tub, especially in winter. There are hooks where you can put your clothes and towels etc.

PLEASE DON'T...

- Bring glass items to the hot tub area. This is very important as broken glass will damage the fabric of the tub and we may need to shut it. There are plastic glasses in the kitchen under the hob.
- Put anything in the water – no bath bombs, floating candles etc. We will have to empty the hot tub if this happens and may even need to close it during your holiday
- Use the hot tub in high winds as the lid is not able to withstand strong winds when raised.
- Use the tub in a thunderstorm for risk of being struck by lightning
- Enter the tub if you have open wounds or sores.

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GETTING STARTED

1. Standing on the decking, facing the hot tub, release the two catches to the right and left-hand lower side of the tub lid.
2. Lift the lid away from you and fold onto itself near the blue fence. Now walk up the steps and lift the corner of the lid with your left hand towards the blue fence. The lid will lock into place when it is vertical and once the red catch is engaged.
3. There is a **red catch** on the struts nearest you which will lock the lid in place. Please see the next section for how to use this catch to close the lid.
4. Please keep the lid on whenever you are not using the hot tub.
5. You can leave the tub and put the lid on when it's running, and it will just turn itself off.
6. The temperature is set at 38 degrees. This is the recommended temperature for spas and for safety reasons it cannot be adjusted.

CLOSING THE LID – IMPORTANT

To close the lid, you must press the red catch to release the lid. **If you force it, you will break the lid lifter and we will withhold your full Security Deposit.**

Photo 1: The red catch shown when the lid is up to use the tub



Photo 2: To close, press red catch in and push across to allow the black strut to line up and drop into place



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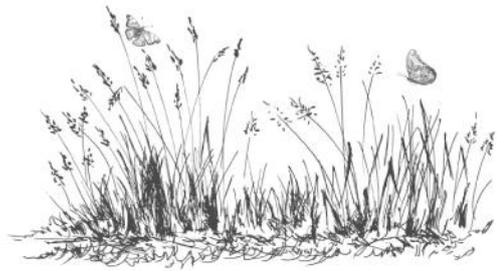


Photo 3: Now you can put the lid down.



Photo 4: Control panel for jets and lights



THE HOT TUB CONTROLS

- There are three buttons on the control panel. There is a 'Jets 1' and 'Jets 2' button to start the water jets, and the other is for the internal tub lights which you'll only see at night.
- The three grey rotating controls adjust the strength of the jets and the air through the various jets.
- At night, use the four downlighters above the tub. The switch is on the blue fence.
- Please don't be tempted to try to change the temperature on the control panel – guests who do this always put it into sleep or economy mode, thereby turning it down or even off entirely. This means you will have at least several hours without use of the tub.

THE WATER LEVEL – THE MOST FREQUENT REASON THE TUB WILL STOP WORKING

The hot tub seats up to five, one in the lounge seat facing the church spire and seats for four others. When several people are in the tub together, it may overflow.

A reminder about towels and swimming costumes

Please bring your own bath towels to use by the tub. You can dry wet towels and swimming costumes in the tumble drier under the stairs. If you are washing your swimming costumes, it's best to do that in hot water only without detergents as these may turn the water cloudy.

Finally, you will see that this is a residential area. We ask you to please keep the noise level down when you're in the tub and not to play loud music after 8pm.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time if you have any questions about the tub.

Please note, the heater needs one hour to raise the temperature level by one degree so don't leave it too late to ask for help.

Thank you, Exmoor Character Cottages, July 2019