

## OGOF GOFAN ACCESS 2026

The permit system for Ogof Gofan, which is on Range East, is one group of not more than four cavers per day via advanced booking by the group leader to [access@caving.wales](mailto:access@caving.wales) only please. If approved, you will get a PDF **day permit** from the National Park Ranger by email and your group then has exclusive use of the cave on the date you chose.

The range is usually open every weekend (typically from 5pm on a Friday). But it will be completely closed between 26th May to 19th June 2026 due to a large military exercise.

Other periods when the range is open are:

6th December 2025 – 4th January 2026

27th February 2026

28th March – 12th April 2026

9th – 17th May 2026

Please do not park overnight at any of the range car parks. No camping.

## RANGE WEST ACCESS 2026

The system for accessing Range West is different. You need to get an **annual permit** to go exploring the Range West coast where there is a lot of impressive limestone but so far no known big caves (other than blow holes) unless you discover one. The procedure is to attend an 1-hour safety briefing at the army camp where you will be told not to touch any UXO lying on the ground, not to deviate off the agreed path, which access points to use, how to sign in and out, how to get the latest firing schedules, and so on. You can use your permit on any number of non-firing days in its year of issue. Everyone in a group needs their own permit. It is not a leadership system. No dogs. Individuals can go exploring for caves on their own. This is not a permit to do anything else like beach BBQs or swimming.

### SAFETY BRIEFING DATES FOR THE 2026 SEASON

Thursday 4th December 2025 – 18.00

Thursday 22nd January 2026 – 18.00

Saturday 21st February 2026 – 09.00

Thursday 19th March 2026 – 18.00

Friday 3rd April 2026 (Good Friday) – 09.00

Saturday 23rd May 2026 – 09.00

Thursday 25th June 2026 – 18.00

Saturday 25th July 2026 – 09.00

It is essential that you **sign out at the guard room** when you leave Range West otherwise our hosts will be displeased at having to go on a search for you, and your pass will be revoked. Breaking or bending the rules could prejudice range access for cavers in general.