

Beacon Hill Scout Campsite Information Pack

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GENERAL

Beacon Hill Scout Campsite is the District campsite for Horsham Scouts and is located within the High Weald AONB. Being equidistant from London & the South Coast offers great days out, with loads of off-site activities within a short drive. The site comprises 36 acres of unspoilt grass and ancient woodland and is open to Scouts, Guides & Youth organisations.

With 16 individual sites and a Pavilion Hut, Beacon Hill can accommodate over 450 people for expeditions, sleepovers or camps of any duration. The site houses West Sussex Scouts first artificial cave system with 66m of indoor passage, as well as having a number of self-led activities like Archery, Tomahawk Throwing, Pioneering, Slacklines, Board Games, Giant Inflatable Ball and Orienteering. The site also sits adjacent to a footpath leading to St Leonards Forest which allows for many hikes and even D of E and Chief Scout expeditions.

ARRIVAL

Upon arrival, please park your vehicles in the car park and transport your equipment to your site using one of the trollies provided.

We ask all visitors (if part of the Scouts or Guides) to arrive and depart from the campsite in recognisable uniform. Our volunteer staff and supporters will also be in recognisable uniform.

The speed limit on site is 5 mph. Vehicles may go beyond the main car park and use Stilwell Drive and Tower Path to access the sites. If you are parking your vehicles at one of the car parking spaces on Stillwell Drive or Tower Path, please use your hazard lights when traveling past the main car park.

No vehicles are allowed on any of the camping areas or Searles field, however you can drop off equipment at the end of Wilds Path and using one of the trollies move your equipment to your pitch. Cars are not allowed to be parked on Wilds Path, please use the carpark.

If there is a large number of groups using the Campsite, please have your leaders organise the arrival and departure of your parents dropping off and picking up your young persons. The key for the main gate will also open the 5 bar gate to the overflow carpark. Keys for the overflow carpark and council gate can be provided if required.

VEHICLES AND CONTENTS ARE LEFT AT THE CAMPSITE ENTIRELY AT THE OWNERS RISK,

ACTIVITIES

All groups using our activities must be supervised by an adult over the age of 18 and if required an appropriately qualified person (instructor) at all times.

Activities available on site include: Artificial Caving, Archery, Tomahawk Throwing, Pioneering, Slacklines, Board Games, Giant Inflatable Ball and Orienteering. Please email the Booking Secretary for availability of these activities. These activities are self-led and some of these activities require the appropriate training.

At present the Range can be used for Tomahawk Throwing. Leaders have to have the relevant qualifications for this activities. The site has 10 Tomahawks and Targets for hire.

The site boasts a large Fire Pit that can seat over 200 young people for group fires and camp songs.

Near the Campfire Circle we have built a Gaga Ball Pit. This is a small area to play Dodgeball. It is a fast-paced game enjoyed by all. <https://www.gagacenter.com/nyc/about/what-is-gaga/>

On site we have a Quiet Area where groups can hold ceremonies and young persons can go for quiet moments.

The BBQ area is a great space to hold a pack night cooking undercover. The area has some seating and a food prep area (This will require cleaning before use).

All the above activities/Areas can be booked via the online booking system.

The gate to the East of the campsite, along Stillwell Drive leads you to a footpath that takes you to St Leonard's Forest, ideal for a quick hike or you can extend your hike further afield!

GUMMY'S

The Pavilion Hut accommodates 30 roll mats and has a leader's room (Sleeps 3 leaders) perfect for sleepovers, training courses or day use.

The kitchen has a gas hob and oven, microwave oven, toaster kettle and fridge freezer. Please unplug the fridge freezer and prop the doors open when not in use. The kitchen also comes with knives, forks, spoons, plates and beakers for 30 people. Also supplied is a small range of cooking knives, chopping boards, utensils, hot water urn, pots and pans. Gummy's hall has tables and chairs which are also included when hiring Gummy's and are not to be used outside.

Instructions on how to use the Gas Hob and Cooker are posted on the kitchen wall.

The team can provide you with a projector screen if required. We can also supply you with jugs, teacups and small wine glasses.

The heating system is operated by a thermostat in the corridor leading to the kitchen. Please do not turn the heating to up and leave the doors open. There is also an open fire inside of Gummy's for you to use.

Beacon Hill campsite also offers for hire 2 x Event Shelters, a 3m x 3m Pop up Gazebo, and an 8m x 4m Marquee.

The switch for light for the car park is located near the side door into Gummy's. The light above this door is on a timer switch which alters throughout the year.

TOILET/SHOWER BLOCK

The campsite provides the toilets with toilet paper and there is more toilet paper in the orange cabinet outside the toilets. We also provide cleaning equipment for you to clean the toilets during your stay. We ask you to clean the toilets before you leave the site.

There is also an outside sink for you to wash up your pots and pans, we request that you do not do all your washing up at these sinks. This should be done on your sites. Please leave these sinks as you would like to find them.

Please make sure all taps are turned off when you leave.

On the right-hand side of the toilet block there is a chemical toilet disposable point.

INDIVIDUAL SITES

Each individual site has a campfire, most of the sites have Alter Fires. All fires should be on concrete bases and should never be on bare ground.

There are freshwater taps located around the site, please ask your young persons to make sure all taps are turned off when they have finished filling up their water containers.

Please do not use anyone's else wood pile. If you are using/visiting a site, please replace the wood that you use.

The site has an industrial waste bin in the car park. We request that you take home any items that can be recycled. Please leave the site clean and tidy and free of any man-made objects.

Quiet times are between 23:00 and 07:00. Please respect others who may be on site camping.

BOUNDARIES

The perimeter boundary is clearly defined around the entire site. The north and east boundaries are the perimeter tracks (Stilwell Drive and Tower Path) and a low-level fence line. The west perimeter consists of a private road and the south boundary is a small stream, Dabson Gill. Please explain and make clear these boundaries to all young persons and visitors on site.

AXES & SAWS

The use of chainsaws on site is not allowed without prior permission of the Campsite Manager. Please refer to the Scouts Organisation Website for the qualifications need to use a chainsaw on site - [How to use a chainsaw safely | Scouts](#). Axes and saws are allowed within your allotted camping area. This should be covered under your Risk Assessment.

No trees of any description may be cut or felled without express permission of the Campsite Manager.

BEHAVIOUR

Group leaders are responsible for their entire group's behaviour and their whereabouts while on site. It is their responsibility to set the boundaries for their members and explain that ALL sites are to be respected.

All persons using the campsite must obey instructions issued by the staff or Instructors for their own and others' safety and security.

ALCOHOL

No alcohol may be consumed by those under the age of 18 on the site at any time. Adults (18 or over) may consume alcohol on their individual sites with the permission of their party leader but must always follow the Scout Association's alcohol policy, regardless of the organisation they are representing. The policy can be found at: <https://archive.scouts.org.uk/media/1041119/Green-Card.pdf>

SMOKING

Smoking by those under 18 is prohibited. For the comfort, health and safety of all concerned, smoking is prohibited during any activities at Beacon Hill. Those over 18 may smoke/electronic cigarettes within their own camping area but must follow the Scout Association smoking guidance at all times, regardless of the organisation they belong to. For a quick reference, you are not permitted to smoke/electronic cigarettes in Scout Buildings (Gummy's) marquees or tents. As a Leader we would ask you to lead by example. The scout policy can be found at <https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/staying-safe-and-safeguarding/supporting-life-issues-and-young-people/dealing-with-an-issue/smoke-free-scouting/introduction/>

HEALTH & SAFETY/ACCIDENT PROCEDURES

Many accidents can be avoided and to that end all visitors must actively discourage irresponsible behaviour at all times. In the event of any accident, incident or near miss, please follow our and the Scout Association's reporting procedures. In the event of a serious accident, please inform the Campsite Manager as soon as possible.

EMERGENCIES

Crawley Hospital has a 24/7 Urgent Care Treatment Centre and located at West Green Drive, Crawley, RH11 7DH Tel 01293 600300 What3Words mice.fortunate.funes

The nearest full Accident and Emergency hospital is East Surry Hospital, Canada Avenue, Redhill, Surry, RH1 5RH Tel 01737 768511 What3Words panels.beam.buddy

Beacon Hill Camp Badges

Beacon Hill Campsite badges are available for purchase, please contact the campsite manager or the booking secretary, Badges are priced at £1.60p each.

BEACON HILL TEAM

All the regular maintenance on the campsite is undertaken voluntarily by the Service Crew. The campsite team consists of many different types of volunteers, from the trustees to wardens and instructors. Volunteer staff wear a recognisable polo shirt and can generally be found in the staff area and are always happy to help. To find out how you could volunteer at Beacon Hill check out our 'Volunteering at Beacon Hill booklet available on our website or email one of the campsite team below.

If you have any suggestions, please email the campsite manager on the email below.

Key points of contact are:

- Campsite Manager: Bill Power - Tel: 07525 038823
campsitemanager@horshamscouts.com
- Booking Secretary: Anthony Smith
campsitebookings@horshamscouts.com
Address: 51 Keats Close, Horsham RH12 5PL
Tel: 01403 274662 / 07780 836825
- Chair of the Management Committee: Alison Styles - Tel: 07414 983738
campsitechair@horshamscouts.com

LOCAL INFORMATIONShopping

Sainsburys - 7 Worthing Road, Horsham, RH12 1SQ

What3Words - bids.loans.thus

Tesco - Wickhurst Lane, Broadbridge Heath, Horsham RH12 3YU

What3Words – pulled.reward.shop

Lidl - Foundry Ln, Horsham RH13 5PX

What3Words – feeds.fever.gravel

Off Site Activities

Swimming Pool - Hurst Rd, Horsham RH12 2DF

[The Pavilions In The Park | Horsham – Places Leisure](#)

What3Words – laws.vets.skinny

Climbing Wall - Pease Pottage Hill, Crawley RH11 9BQ

[K2 Crawley | Gym, Swim, Fitness Classes & Climbing | Everyone Active \(everyoneactive.com\)](#)

What3Words –rinse.lamp.rapid

Bowling - Crawley Leisure Park, London Rd, Crawley RH10 8LR

[Bowling Crawley | Ten Pin \(hollywoodbowl.co.uk\)](#)

What3Words – mimic.rails.manual

Water Sports - Cripplegate Ln, Southwater, Horsham RH13 9HN

[Southwater Water Sports – Fun packed water sports in Southwater \(southwatersports.co.uk\)](#)

What3Words – homecare.gymnasium.emporium

