



Drum Hill Scout Camp

Little Eaton, Derby

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Hello

Welcome to Drum Hill Scout Camp

Drum Hill is 80 acres of woodland and fields with 3 residential centres providing a variety of instructor or leader lead activities. We provide an excellent outdoor space for young and old to enjoy.

The site is run by a volunteer service team who maintain and develop it.

Attached is your Welcome Pack with relevant information about the site and your individual booking including your activity schedule. As well as reading this yourself, please forward to any other leaders attending your event, and if you have any questions please either call or email the site office (telephone number - 01332 831 233 or email bookings@drumhill.org.uk).

A quick reminder that you may need to complete pre camp paperwork such as a nights away notification form in scouting.

At the end of your stay, you will receive an invoice covering any outstanding payments and it would be helpful if this could be paid in a timely manner. You will also receive a short survey. Please complete this as it helps me to further develop Drum Hill.

I wish you an enjoyable stay on Drum Hill.

Lesley

LESLEY UPTON
Campsite Manager
Drum Hill Scout Camp



General Information

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Arrivals & Departures

The Drum Hill Service Team are all volunteers. Arrivals are possible after 18:00 during the week and after 10:00 at the weekend. Departure on Sunday must be by 16:00. Reception is also open on a Thursday evening until 7.30pm should you want to pitch on a Thursday night.

Upon arrival, please check-in with our friendly team at reception.

If the reception cabin is closed, please use the phone in the green box on the side of the reception cabin to contact a member of the Site Service Team.

If you have booked one of the residential buildings, it may be possible to arrange access before 18:00 during the week, but this must be arranged with the bookings administrator in advance.

On arrival, a member of the site services team will show you around any buildings you have booked, and inspect them prior to departure.



Dogs

Dogs are not allowed anywhere on site, except for service dogs.



Parking, Vehicles and Access with Equipment

Everyone should park in the allocated car park upon arrival. If you need assistance transferring your equipment to your site, please contact reception upon arrival. Please let the bookings administrator know of any specific requirements in advance of your arrival (email: bookings@drumhill.org.uk).



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Speed Limit On-Site

If you need to take your vehicle onto site, please contact a member of the on-duty Service Team.

The site speed limit is 8mph.

We don't allow campers vehicles onto the camping fields under any circumstances but have allocated laybys near most of our sites.



Accidents and Out-of-Hours Contact

It is the group's responsibility to provide first aid provision for your participants during your stay.

Please report all accidents on site that necessitates medical treatment (Doctor, Hospital or Dentist) to a member of the service team on duty, either in the Staff Hut or via the phone in the green box at reception. Please also inform your DC in scouting or appropriate body.



Use of Alter Fires

There are permanent stone altar fires on all of our camping fields. We do not allow ground fires anywhere on site. If you intend to cook on open fires, please ensure that:

- You have a fire bucket, or other suitable means to extinguish the fire (and that someone knows how to use it)
- The fire is supervised at all times by a suitable adult
- The fire is a sensible size for the task in hand
- Portable altar fires are also available on request



We cannot guarantee that our wood pile will be stocked all year round. Group members collecting wood from the woodpile must wear sensible footwear while doing so. All unused wood must be returned to the wood pile.



Site Boundaries

Although we all accept that a large part of being on camp is the freedom to explore the site, there are a few limitations to this at Drum Hill.

- Users are not permitted to climb over walls or fences
- We recommend that young people are supervised in the wooded area below the building line.

If you find any of the site walls or fences that have been damaged, please report this to a member of the service team.



Gas & Generators

We can provide replacement gas bottles and help with any problems you may have with your cooking appliances. Please contact reception or the service team using the green phone.

We do not allow generators anywhere on site.



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Quiet Hours

"Quiet Hours" on site are 23:00 – 07:00. Please keep noise to an absolute minimum during these hours. Please respect your fellow campers



Rubbish and recycling

A skip is situated on the top car park for the disposal of all rubbish and recycling. If you could place your rubbish in clear bags this will help the company sort your waste.



Security on Site

Please be vigilant during your stay on site and report any suspicious activity to a member of the service or reception team as soon as possible.



Site Provideore

This can be opened by prior arrangement. Please ask our bookings administrator before you arrive at camp.



Toilets & Showers

The toilet and shower blocks on site are open 24/7. During periods of bad weather, it may be necessary for us to clean these more frequently. If there's a problem with the toilets or showers (or indeed any other facility on site), please report any issues with the toilets (or any other facilities on site) to a member of the reception or service team as soon as possible.



Food Deliveries

If you are arranging for supermarket food deliveries to site, please ensure that they have all your correct contact information and that they do not turn up on site before 6pm during the week.

It is also extremely helpful to let us know the name under which this has been booked, as then we know where to direct the delivery driver when they arrive on site.

We will not accept any responsibility for any food deliveries – you must ensure that you are on-site **before** the delivery arrives.

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Fireworks and Amplified Music

Fireworks and amplified music are only allowed with prior approval. Please contact the bookings office for more information.



Additional needs

If you have anybody who needs additional supports please let us know. This helps us to allocate you the most appropriate space on site (for example, some of our pitches have power for charging electric wheelchairs).

If you have booked instructed activities, it is especially important as we may need to bring in additional equipment or instructors.



Day and Evening visits

When you book a day or evening visit you will be allocated a pitch for the duration. This helps us manage the site and we know where to find you.

Some general points, to help you write your risk assessment:

- Although our campsite is excellently maintained by our service team, the ground is still uneven in places and there are still rabbit holes, exposed tree roots and other potential hazards associated with a woodland campsite. Please make sure your group members are aware of this, especially when playing in the wooded areas. Please report any fallen branches or trees or other such hazards to a member of the reception or service crew as soon as possible.
- We try to keep vehicle movement on-site to an absolute minimum to allow the young people using the site the freedom to explore in a safe environment. However, there are occasionally site vehicles (mainly, the site tractors) moving around site. While the drivers are all trained and we do try to keep all vehicle movement to an absolute minimum, it is sometimes unavoidable. Please make sure your group members are aware of this, and that if they see any of the site tractors, not to run across roads or fields in front of the tractors or run along behind them.
- The activity areas are only to be used during your booked activity slot. Please make sure your group members know to keep away from these areas outside of their session.
- You will find the occasional tent peg or sharp piece of wood or, particularly in the case of the wood pile, nail around site. Please make sure that your group members are wearing appropriate footwear at all times, especially when retrieving wood from the woodpile.

Use of Knives



What is the Scout policy on the use of knives?

Knives should be considered as a tool and treated as such. Those who are going to use them should get training for their use, as you would for a saw or an axe.

Knives are an offensive weapon so great care should be taken when dealing with them. When undertaking training at the Scout HQ, knives should be taken to and from Scouts by an adult. When taking a knife to camp, they must be handed to a leader on arrival

If you consider a knife as a tool, then you should use the appropriate tool for the job. The vast majority of Scout use will only require the use of a pen or clasp knife for the cutting of string, cooking or whittling. Where you have a larger task, such as splitting wood, a larger knife such as a sheath knife may be appropriate. If you relate this to axes, you would not use a hand axe to fell a tree, nor a felling axe to split wood.

There is an issue with regard to clasp knives and lock knives. A lock knife is one where the blade stays open unless some mechanism is used to close the blade. In the eyes of the Law, this is more of an offensive weapon than a standard clasp knife because of this multiple action. From a safety point of view, a lock knife cannot fold onto the users fingers and may be better.

The carriage of knives is also to be considered. If a knife is considered as a tool, you would only really carry the knife when there is an expectation to use the tool, after all, you wouldn't carry an axe around a campsite on the off chance of coming across some wood to chop. Therefore, knives when not being used should be stowed away until such time as they are needed. Legally, you are not allowed to carry a knife in a public place without lawful authority or reasonable excuse. A campsite, which may technically be private property as it is owned by a District or County, is considered as public property because of its use. Knives should not be carried unless they are going to be used, and should be put away when not in use.

<https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/1515/what-is-the-scout-policy-on-the-use-of-knives>

