



HAMLET WOOD SCOUT CAMPSITE
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HAMLET WOOD SCOUT CAMPSITE CONDITIONS OF USE

Hamlet Wood Scout Campsite is owned by Maidstone East and West Scout District. We have no paid staff and volunteer Service Crew work hard to keep the site in the best condition possible. Please consider this during your visit. The leader-in-charge with the help of all leaders present, are responsible for the safety and conduct of everyone attending their event.

Complete quiet is to be observed between 10.30 pm and 6.30 am. The use of radios etc. is permitted on site, in moderation. Please be considerate to other users of Hamlet Wood and our neighbours.

No fireworks are allowed on site at any time.

No smoking in any of the buildings. If adults smoke on site, please ensure cigarette ends are disposed of properly. Not on the ground or in woodland, and that Scout Association policies are followed.

Emergency Services must always have access to all buildings, a wide access route must be maintained.

Vehicles should be parked in the main car park, with name and mobile number placed on the dashboard. Staggered arrivals and parking supervision should be considered to avoid blocking Stockett Lane.

Buildings

Please take care in removing and replacing the shutters, this is a task for 2 adults, for your safety and to avoid bending the bolts. If outer doors are left open, fix them with the hooked stays provided.

Wear soft shoes indoors whenever possible. No ball or rough games are allowed indoors. Furniture must not be moved from the buildings.

Please do not put drawing pins into the walls or woodwork; use the notice boards. Do not use Blue-tack on the notices boards or walls, it damages the surface.

Sleeping is allowed in the buildings, with adult supervision only. The bunk rooms are only for use by adults.

Never use gas heaters in any room while it is being used for sleeping, and make sure that clothing is not placed on top of, or close to heaters.

Any accidents, damage or breakages must be reported. Immediately report any fire extinguisher use to the Warden and tie a note to the empty cylinder.

All rubbish should be placed in the bin near the main gate. Our waste is separated for recycling, after collection.

There is a locked cupboard containing cleaning equipment for use by leaders.

Mops and buckets are provided with the correct cleaning liquid for dirty floors. Red V mops have been provided for sweeping the main halls, when dry. They must not be used on wet or muddy floors.

Your choice of washing-up liquid/cleaning products, cloths and tea towels for use in the kitchen, are to be provided by the hirer.

You are expected to leave the buildings at least as clean as you found them.

Camping

Site trolleys are available for the use of all campers, please keep them locked when not in use.

Collect water for use on campsites from the taps, outside either building or near the main toilet block.

We have difficulty in getting grass to grow on our woodland soil, and a downpour of rain can turn the grass into mud in less than a day. So we do not allow camping on the central part of 'The Glade' or trenching around tents.

Mess Tent Areas are covered with a thick layer of wood chippings, they are part of each camping area. Mess Tents and Dining Shelters must only be erected on the chipped areas, not on grass or activity areas. If this is likely to cause a problem, please speak to the warden.

No live trees or bushes are to be cut without the Warden's express permission. Leave trees, flowers and plants for others to enjoy. Please keep to established paths; do not make new ones through the woodland.

Light fires only on fireplaces, **never** on grassed areas. Dead timber, including kindling, can generally be found on the ground throughout the woodland. Do not remove or cut any timber unless you are absolutely sure it is dead. If you want instruction on how to recognise dead standing timber please ask.

You are welcome to use timber/logs from the open wood piles, but please use wood sensibly as huge cooking or camp fires are wasteful can be dangerous. Some of the ready cut timber is of a large diameter and will need to be split before use, a simple hand axe and mallet is sufficient to split even large logs. Please do not cut or split wood on the grass. A small bow saw, hand axe and mallet should be in your camp kit and you should know how to use them safely, please ask if you are unsure. Camp Ovens are available, please ask the Warden.

Before vacating your fire area, clear the cold ash from the fireplace and re-stack surplus wood on wood piles. Cold ash and rubbish must be placed in the bin provided, near the main gate. If you use logs as seats, please return them to where you found them, and do not leave them on the grass.

It is the responsibility of those using the Camp Fire Circle to tidy after themselves.

Dogs are allowed on site provided they are kept on a lead at all times and exercised off the camping and activity areas. Any fouling must be cleaned up and disposed of properly.

You are expected to leave Hamlet Wood at least as tidy as you found it.

Toilet Block

In the Store Room beside the Disabled Toilet the following is available for use by campers:

- a fridge and a freezer (please clean after use)
- mains sockets for charging mobile phones.
- A telephone for Emergency calls only.

Hamlet Wood has good mobile phone signal coverage on the main site, but there is NO service from the valley at the bottom of the Nature Trail.

Please avoid wasting water. Washing up is not allowed in or near the Toilet Block.

There are toilet rolls and cleaning supplies in the cupboard within the Men's Toilets, which are only to be accessed by adults.

The hirer must provide cleaning products and cloths for cleaning the Toilet Block before vacating the site at the end of their visit.

You are expected to leave the Toilet Block at least as clean as you found it.