

# **Wakefield District Scouts' Campsite, Denby Dale Road, Wakefield, West Yorkshire.**



## **Site Rules** (Updated 26 January 2017)

**The Campsite is the property of Wakefield Council and is held on lease by Wakefield District Scouts. The land is for use by Scout Groups from Wakefield District and beyond and for other groups by arrangement with the Bookings Secretary.**

**The Scout Law is the over-riding Law of the Campsite.**

1. Any use of the site for day, evening or overnight events must be booked with the bookings secretary using the appropriate form and time scales. The bookings secretary will make arrangements with the hirer for the payment of camp site fees.
2. The keys for access to the site are to be obtained from the bookings secretary to whom they must be returned at the end of the event / booking. Any variation to this requirement will be agreed either at the time of booking or subsequently between the booking group and the booking secretary.
3. A Leader with the appropriate Nights Away Permit must be in charge of overnight camps.
4. The permit holder is responsible for the safe use of the site which must be in accordance with these rules. Whilst the key holder opens up and goes on site they would be expected to wait for another leader to come on site before carrying out any activity. It is suggested that there are a minimum of three persons on site but subject to their own risk assessment this could be 1 or 2 depending on what they are involved with.
5. There is no camping permitted within 30 metres of the methane outlet.
6. All vehicles must be parked in the appropriately designated car park area. Vehicles may only access other areas to drop off equipment, after which they must be removed to the car park area. The Camp speed limit is 5mph and **MUST** be adhered to
7. The Campsite is on a reclaimed colliery site and there are certain areas which are out of bounds, for safety reasons. Details will be provided to the hirer.
8. There is drinking water to the site. Taps are available on each camping area.
9. Site users must be particularly alert to the risk of fire and provide suitable arrangements to extinguish fires through the provision of portable fire fighting equipment etc.

10. Toilets must be left in a clean and tidy condition.
11. At the end of the booking site users are responsible for checking the site to ensure that no litter or equipment has been left. There are no refuse collection facilities and all waste must be removed from the site for disposal or recycling as appropriate.
12. All gates on the access road should be closed at night and whenever the site is left unoccupied all gates must be locked. It is recommended that the top access gate is closed whilst the site is occupied.
13. No fires are to be laid on the grassed areas (for cooking or other purposes). Altar fires may be used on the hard standing of the car park, archery area or on the surrounding paths. This is to protect the site and reduce the risk of fire (NB the site is on a former coalmine). The only exception to this is for organised camp fires on the designated / prepared area. Alter fires may be used on the flags laid on some of the camping areas
14. No wood is to be cut from trees on site. The only wood that can be burnt is from the wood pile or that lying on the ground or brought on to site by the users.
15. The woodland surrounding the site is private property and is protected. These areas are not part of the site and are out of bounds to all users of the site. On no account is any wood, live or dead, to be cut or removed from this woodland.
16. The natural pond areas and stream may only be accessed under adult supervision.
17. The site has been an industrial site and whilst all care has been taken to remove dangerous and sharp materials, Wakefield District Scouts can take no responsibility for injuries sustained by such materials on the site. They will act promptly to address problem areas which may arise.
18. An above ground wet pit should be used, appropriately lined with hay/straw and taken off site at the end of camp.
19. No holes should be dug on site without permission of the Campsite Committee.
20. If you experience any problems with the site then please make a note on your returned checklist or if urgent contact the Booking Secretary
21. The Campsite is maintained by a Volunteer Warden and his team. Please ensure that you look after the site as though you were part of the team
22. When you leave the site at the end of your booking please close and lock all gates and bollards before you return the keys. There will be a charge of £100 made to the booking group should the site keys be lost, this is due to the number of keys needed for multiple user access and the secure nature of the keys.

21. All sessions must be pre booked and deposits paid so that the Members and Leaders present on the Camp Site are covered by Scout Insurance

22. We have a strict NO DOGS allowed on the campsite and the leader in charge is responsible for advising parents and other leaders. This is to protect all users from contamination by irresponsible dog owners who do not clear up after their pets, yes it does happen. The only exception is for Guide Dogs and the Bookings Secretary must be advised before they are taken on site