



Weald District Scout Council
Lordship Wood Camp Site
Horsmonden, Kent, TN12 8EJ

B R O C H U R E and Users' Guide

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CONTACTS

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DISTRICT COMMISSIONER: Mark Lawrence, mark.lawrence@wealdscouts.uk

THE SITE

Lordship Wood is 23 acres of ancient woodland with a 2-acre field and separate parking area, located two miles from Horsmonden in the *High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty*.

The site is designed for traditional Scout camping, and the only facilities are mains water, and a cesspool for the manual emptying of chemical toilets. As a result, Lordship Wood is a "green field" site for Camping Permit purposes.

NEARBY FACILITIES

Bewl Water (4 miles away) has a lot of scope for traffic-free walking and cycling in beautiful surroundings. Bikes can usually be hired and there is a visitor centre and café.

Other places of interest are Bedgebury Pinetum near Goudhurst (including mountain biking courses), the Hop Farm Country Park at Beltring, and a variety of National Trust properties.

There are swimming pools in Cranbrook, Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells, but you should check the opening times in advance.

Horsmonden and Goudhurst have a range of village shops, and there are supermarkets in Cranbrook, Paddock Wood and Pembury.

BOOKING

Weald District Scout Groups and Units are free to visit Lordship Wood with a minimum of formality. However, ALL visits, camps and activities must be booked in advance with the Bookings Secretary.

To ensure that Weald District Groups and Units have priority, bookings for camping for the peak period (Easter to September) will not normally be accepted from elsewhere until the previous January.

CHARGES

For Weald District Scout Groups and Units the charge for overnight use is £1.50 per person per night. There is no charge for day- or part-day activities.

For other Groups and Units the charge for overnight use is £3.00 per person per night, subject to a minimum charge of £20.00. A deposit of 50p per person for the expected numbers is required. The charge for day- or part-day activities is £2 per person per day (or £1 for activities lasting less than 3 hours), subject to minimum charge of £10.00.

Payments should be made (promptly, please) direct to Lloyds Bank, sort code 30-92-36, account number 00670557 in the name of Weald District Scout Council. Or alternatively by cheque to the Bookings Secretary.

CANCELLATION

If a booking is cancelled at least a month before the camp, the deposit will be refunded. For later cancellations, the deposit will not be refunded.

KEYS

The camp leader will be provided with a key which fits most locks (all gates, the mains water inlet valve located underground close to the tap nearest the road and the cesspool access hatch). Please ensure that the water inlet valve is turned off and everything is locked when the site is unoccupied and when you leave.

HAZARDS

Lordship Wood is an ancient woodland containing natural hazards (dead and dying trees and branches, stumps, brambles, rabbit holes, etc.), and as such should be entered and used with reasonable caution, especially in windy conditions.

Nothing contained in this brochure and guide absolves Leaders from their responsibility to ensure a safe environment for activities, and all normal Scouting rules apply.

ACCIDENTS AND EMERGENCIES

The address of the site is Lordship Wood, Rectory Park Road, Horsmonden, and the rendezvous point (RVP) for emergency services is the main car park (map reference TQ703384). The What3Words location is [reply.provoking.underline](#). The nearest A&E department is located at Tunbridge Wells Hospital, Tonbridge Road, Pembury, TN2 4QJ. Head west along the A21 and it's well signposted. In the event of a serious emergency (accident, injury, fire, etc.) please notify Richard Barsley (01892-723681 or 07905-002756) or Mark Lawrence (07860-949272) as soon as immediate remedial action has been taken.

ARCHERY AND RIFLE SHOOTING

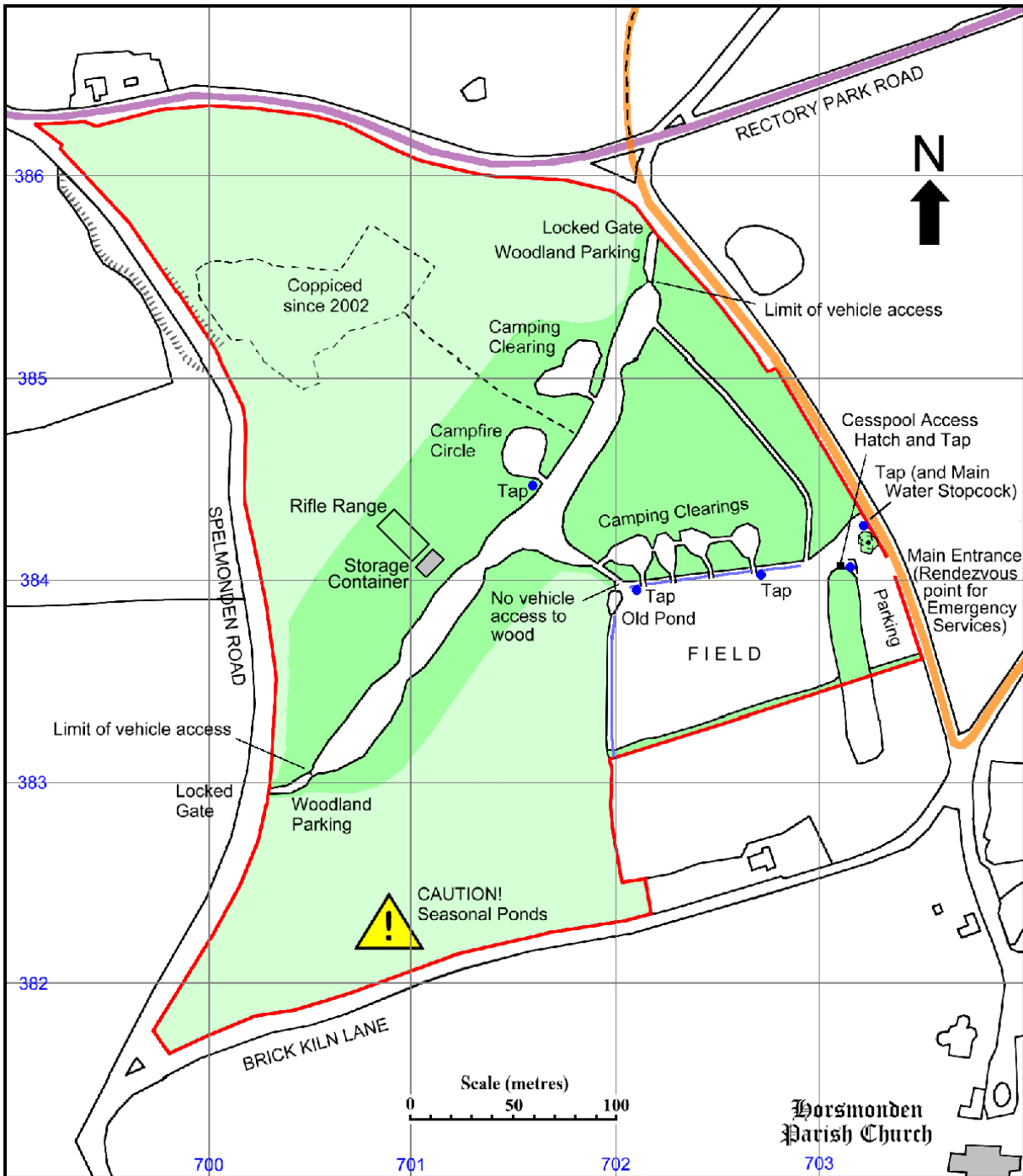
If you wish to do archery or rifle shooting during your stay at Lordship Wood, we may be able to help you. Please contact Richard Barsley (01892-723681 or rbarsley@barsleys.co.uk) for shooting or Alex Dawes (07702-421572 or Alex.Dawes@wealdscouts.uk) for archery.


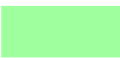
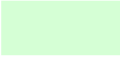

SITE RULES



- (a) **PARKING.** The main **parking** area is inside the main gate. Vehicles should not be taken into the field, except at the beginning and end of your activity for loading and unloading equipment, and should be promptly removed to the parking area. In bad weather, do not drive into the field at all. For activities within the wood, parking is permitted on the hard surface at either end of the main ride. Do not take vehicles any further into the wood without prior permission.
- (b) **FIRES.** There is a **campfire** circle where a central ground fire may be lit. There may be some **altar fires** on site, but please check that there will be enough for your purposes, otherwise you will need to provide your own. Please provide a **fire bucket** close to each fire. Semi-burned logs and ash should be left on the campfire. Please don't leave fires unattended, especially in dry weather. Please leave woodpiles tidy. If you wish to light **ground fires** other than in the campfire circle (eg for backwoods cooking), please check in advance where this can be done.
- (c) **DIGGING.** Please do not **dig** in any grassed area. If you wish to dig ovens and wet pits, please do so outside the grassed area, taking care to fill them in and cover them properly afterwards. **Wet pits**, or whatever method of disposing of waste water you use, should include a grease/solids trap.
- (d) **TOILETS.** There are no **toilets** on site, so please bring your own chemical toilets. They should be emptied into the cesspool.
- (e) **RIFLE RANGE.** **Rifle shooting** and **archery** may only be carried out if all relevant Scout Association rules are complied with (see Scout Association Factsheets FS120004 for rifle shooting and FS120406 for archery).
- (f) **NEIGHBOURS.** Avoid disturbing **neighbours**, and keep off neighbouring property. Avoid excessive **noise**, especially where neighbouring houses are in view, and especially at night. If you must use **radios** or other audio equipment, keep the volume low.
- (g) **DAMAGE.** No standing **timber** (dead or alive) is to be cut. If you do cause **damage** to trees or to anything else (or if you discover that someone else has) please report it so it can be put right.
- (h) **PLANTS.** Keep off seasonal **flowering plants** as far as possible. This is mainly a superb spread of bluebells and a few orchids in the spring.
- (i) **RUBBISH.** All **rubbish** must be taken away at the end of your visit.
- (j) **DOGS.** Dogs are not allowed on the site.

Please leave the entire site as you would wish to find it.

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-  Site Boundary. The site is almost entirely surrounded by public roads, and is mostly fenced.
-  The area where most tree safety work has been carried out. This area is considered safe in normal weather conditions.
-  The rest of the wood, which should be used with reasonable caution, subject to your own safety inspection.
-  Identified hazards.

-  "The High Weald Landscape Trail" (designated long distance footpath).
-  "Cycle Route 18" (designated long distance cycle route).

There are no public rights of way through any part of the site, and no-one other than members of the Scout Movement have authority to enter.