



BARRWOOD RULES

Updated March 2024



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Use of the Barrwood for all visits will be governed by the Scouting rules/guidelines in place at the time of the visit. An up-to-date risk assessment must be in place for scouting activities in the Barrwood. The rules apply equally to everyone and should be explained to all who will be using the Barrwood for camping and activities.

NIGHTS AWAY AUTHORISATION

Reference to P.O.R. of the Scout Association should be made in relation to 'Nights Away' and 'Activities'.

Groups camping must have at least 2 adults present at all times during their stay at Barrwood. One of those adults must have a 'Nights Away Authorisation', 'Greenfield' for November to March, and 'Campsite' for April until October.

Permission to camp will be refused if the Campsite operations group is not satisfied that an Authorisation is valid or if the rules have been broken.

A group of Explorer Scouts camping on their own must have a valid 'Passport' for their camp.

General

- **Appropriate uniform** should be worn when arriving at, and departing from, the Barrwood.
- **Trees must not be defaced** with axe, knife or saw. Trees may not be cut down even if they look dead.
- **Chainsaw use is prohibited to all except personnel approved by the Barrwood Trust.** No chainsaws should be brought into the Barrwood except with the prior permission of the Trust.
- **Vehicles and bicycles** are not allowed on site (other than to vehicle turning circles and car parks) unless permission is sought from the Trust in advance of proposed use.
- **Fires** must be sited on recognised fireplaces. Pallets, treated wood and sheet materials should not be brought into the wood unless as part of an authorised work project.
- **Leave no litter. Take all rubbish home** as there is no waste collection.
- **Swimming is not allowed** in the reservoir.
- **Illegal substances are prohibited at all times in the Barrwood.** Anyone contravening this will be asked to leave the site and future bookings denied.
- **Alcohol Policy** is in line with that of The Scout Association; adults must not consume alcohol while directly responsible for young people on a Scouting activity. They must not permit young people, aged under 18 years, to consume alcohol on a Scouting activity. For more information, see The Scout Association's 'Green Card'.
- **Inflatables** may only be used with specific permission from the Barrwood Trust and use will generally be restricted to larger events.
- **Fireworks** are not encouraged in the Barrwood. Anyone wishing to have fireworks should have the permission of all of the local landowners.
- **Before departure** groups should check that all fires are properly extinguished and cleared away, ashes safely disposed of when cool and the area swept and tidied before leaving camp. All waste should be removed. Sites and chopping blocks and woodpiles should be left tidy for the next users. The duty warden should inspect the campsites before groups depart.
- **No dogs**, except registered assistance dogs, are permitted on site while Scouting is in progress.



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Parents/Guardians: Parents/guardians who are directly involved in assisting Scouting activities (e.g. camp/tentage set-up) are permitted onsite for that purpose.

With the Trust's permission, events which involve parents/guardians may take place on a midweek evening (excepting a Friday evening) or on a Sunday afternoon. Parents and families should be met at the gate and accompanied onto site.

Arrival at the Barrwood: On weekends from April to October the volunteer duty warden is normally onsite around 18:00hrs on Friday evening and will open the front gate and the new 'public access not permitted' sign beside the gate.

At other times the first leader to arrive should unlock and open the bottom gate, leaving it wide open for everyone else for the evening. As above, the new sign at the entrance gate should be unlocked and flipped open by the person opening the main gate. The padlock code for the sign is the same as the gate code. All participants are to be dropped off at the front gate. Those with mobility issues (or unseen disabilities) may access the turning circles where appropriate or at the discretion of the duty warden.

Parents dropping off or collecting children should remain in the car park and should not walk through the wood unless assisting with setting up or taking down an activity under the direct supervision of adult leaders.

Water: Potable water will be available at all of the water points in the wood from early April until the end of October, when the water system will be drained down for the winter months.

Cleaning and Toilets: Week day/evening users are required to clean all toilets used by their group. A 'cleaning sheet' is in place on the outside of the composting toilet blocks with instructions on what should be cleaned. Groups should supply their own antibacterial wipes.

At weekends the volunteer duty warden will require leaders to help with cleaning the toilets. When a volunteer warden is on duty access to the barn toilets will be available via the emergency exit door at the end of the barn corridor.

Do not put antibacterial wipes, plastic gloves or other non-compostable items down any of the toilets.

Camping/weekend visits: For camping and weekend visits a specific campsite will be allocated to each group. For hammocking, groups will be allocated an area of trees in which to put up hammocks, and a fire site close by. Groups should ensure that they use their allocated sites. Groups onsite over the weekend will be expected to help with chores allocated by the duty warden. These chores, including toilet cleaning, will be allocated to groups by the duty warden.

Departing the Barrwood: Parents arriving to collect their children should wait in the car park and should not walk through the wood unless directly involved as indicated above. On weekends from April to October the volunteer duty warden will usually be the last person to leave and will lock the gate and close the sign. On weekday evenings the last group/leader to leave should lock the bottom gate and close and lock the sign.

Any issues arising should be reported back to operations@barrwood.co.uk