



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

BROCHURE

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 be hired and there is a visitor centre and café.

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

There are swimming pools in Cranbrook, Paddock Wood, 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.

ENQUIRIES AND BOOKING

All enquiries, please, to dc@wealdscouts.org.uk.

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

The charge for camping is £1.50 per person per night. A deposit of 50p per person for the expected numbers is required.

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 all locks (all gates, the mains water inlet valve located underground close to the tap nearest the road, the cesspool access hatch, and the storage container). Please ensure that the water inlet valve is turned off and everything is locked when the site is unoccupied and when you leave.

HAZARDS

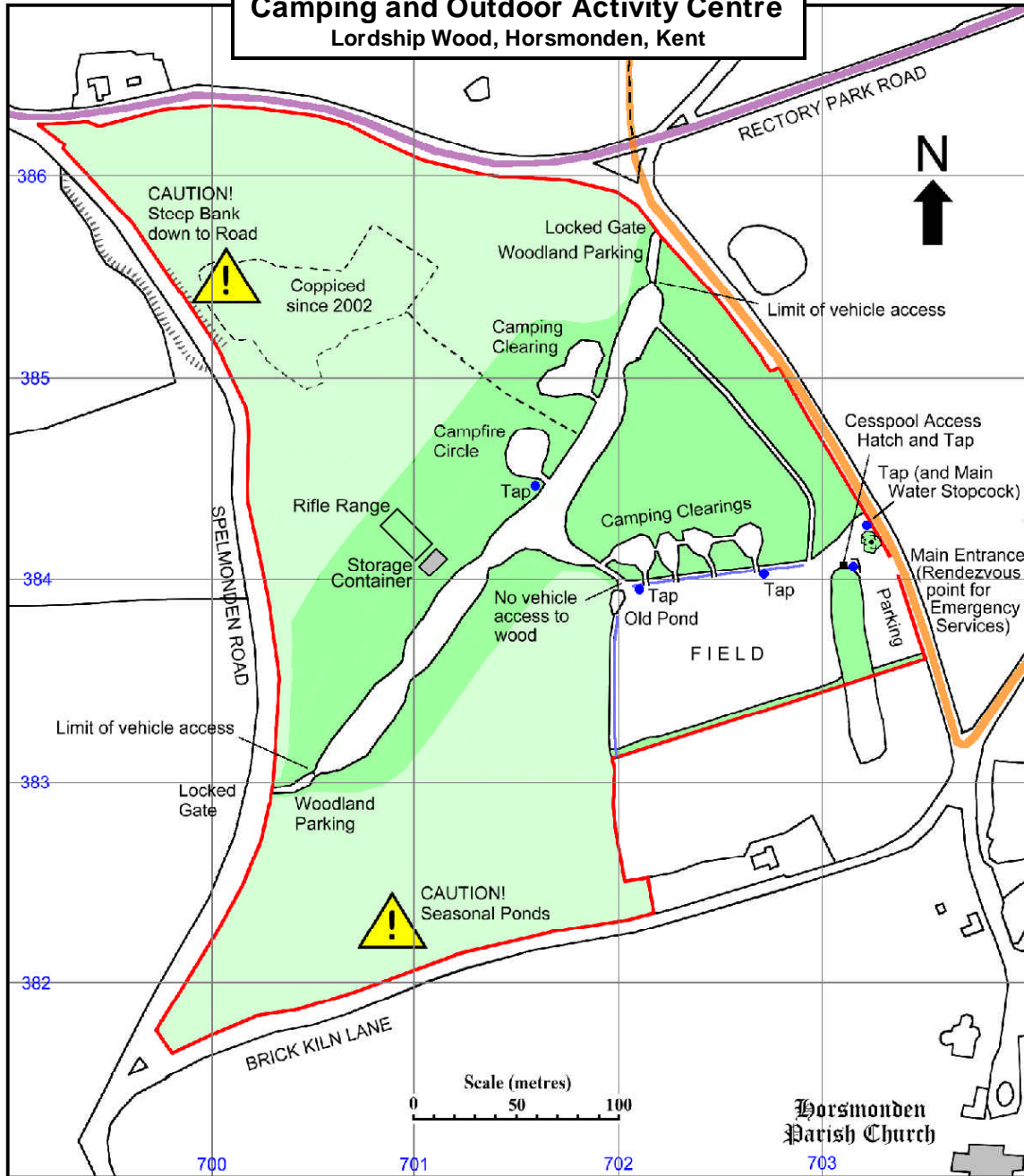
Lordship Wood is an ancient woodland containing natural hazards (dead and dying trees and branches, stumps, brambles, rabbit holes, etc.), and as such should be entered and used with reasonable caution, especially in windy conditions.


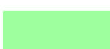
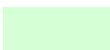

Nothing contained in this brochure absolves Leaders from their responsibility to ensure a safe environment for activities, and all normal Scouting rules apply.



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 nearest A&E department is located at the Kent and Sussex Hospital, Mount Ephraim, Tunbridge Wells (map reference TQ582398).

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-  Site Boundary. The site is almost entirely surrounded by public roads, and much of the perimeter is unfenced.
-  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.

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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.** The rifle range may only be used if all Scout Association rules concerning shooting are complied with.
- (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, and keep away from newly planted trees and bushes, especially along the southern perimeter of the field and the southern and eastern perimeter of the parking area.
- (i) **RUBBISH.** All rubbish must be taken away at the end of your visit.

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



This brochure covers the use of Lordship Wood by Scouts from outside Weald District. The arrangements for Weald Scouts differ in several respects.