

Your visit to Gilwell Park

Everything you need to know

Final info We consider bookings finalised 6 weeks before arrival. We're usually able to adjust camping numbers up until check-in; but accommodation, catering or activity changes will be charged after this point. We're not able to change numbers after check-in. We'll email you your final invoice after you depart, payable within 21 days. Please make sure we have the group leader's contact number and an ETA for your group.

Vehicles Take note of our 5mph speed limit. All vehicles must be parked in a car park and can't be taken on fields. Please leave roads and gates clear. You may drive through the Low or Ultra Low Emission Zone – [check before you travel](#) to avoid a fine.

On foot We're a 30 min walk from Chingford Station, but be careful, it's a busy road with only a partial footpath. Taxis are available from the station.

Coaches Please plan your route. Coaches must approach via Bury Road, as Daws Hill is not suitable. All coaches must park in Branchet Car Park - there is no turning point beyond this.

Setting up All gates are locked, so please be ready to move kit from the car parks to your pitch by hand.

Help Make your way to reception for help. Let us know about any faults ASAP so we can fix them. When reception is closed, we're available 24/7 on 07885 765074 for urgent assistance.

Checking in Please see us at reception when you arrive. You can access buildings and pitches from 16:00. We can't guarantee entry before this, but you're welcome to use our

grounds. Please check out at reception when you leave - you must vacate your building or pitch by 13:30.

Lodges Our lodges are equipped to cater for the number of people the building accommodates. Each building has Wi-Fi, and all buildings have a projector and sound system apart from Branchet. Jack Petchey, Peter Harrison and Branchet have washing machines. Building layouts are provided on our website, equipment lists on request.

Tented Village We provide a basic camp kitchen with fridge, freezer, gas hobs, a sink and pans, utensils, crockery and cutlery.

Patrol Cabins Our Patrol Cabins have access to a small hut with fridge, freezer and two gas hobs. This is shared by both cabins.

Bedding We don't provide any bedding. Please bring a sleeping bag and pillow.

Cleaning Please leave your building or pitch as you found it or we may charge a fee. Remove all items, take the rubbish out, ensure everything is clean, tidied and locked up. We provide mops, brooms, dustpans and hoovers; please bring your own sprays, cloths etc.

Toilets We provide toilet roll and soap, and clean toilet blocks regularly. Toilet blocks are open to all visitors on centre. We have a number of accessible and all-gender facilities.

Water and waste Drinking water is available across our fields, as well as a limited number of washing up sinks at toilet blocks. We have chemical toilet disposal points – please ask at reception. Please put recycling (paper, glass, plastic and cans) into the green recycling bins.

Hire equipment Pre-booked equipment will be delivered to your site, and tents pitched for your arrival.

Freezer space We have a freezer available for groups to share in The Lid. Please label and date items or they may be removed.

Deliveries A member of your group must be on-site to accept any deliveries or shopping – we're unable to sign for you. Please ensure the driver has a contact number for you.

Pets No pets on-site other than assistance animals, please.

Smoking and drinking Smoking is only permitted in smoking areas. No smoking or drinking in front of young people.

Fires Fires must not be lit on the grass – please use a pre-existing fire pit or altar fire (available first-come first-served from Camp Square). Campfire Circles can be booked in advance. You're welcome to use any dead wood or our wood pile, but please don't damage our trees. Pallets and treated wood should not be burnt.

Generators should be positioned to prevent fumes and noise from affecting others. A fire extinguisher should be located next to every generator.

Quiet hours Quiet hours are from 22:30 – 07:30. Please turn off generators, keep noise to a minimum, and respect other groups.

Wi-Fi Wi-Fi is available across most of the centre – connect to TSA-PUBLIC – no login details required.

Safeguarding and safety Please read our [Young People First policy](#) and take note of [our safety guidance](#). Report any concerns to staff immediately. Don't take photos of others without permission, and no drones on the centre.

Activities All sessions are for a max. of 12 participants, and each group must have a supervising adult. Please wear closed-toe, well-fitting shoes (no sliders, Crocs or sandals). Shorts must be longer than knee length (no skirts), and tops must cover the whole upper body. Long hair must be tied back, and anything around the neck removed. You may get muddy or wet, so please bring spare clothes and dress appropriately. All off-ground activities have a weight limit of 115kg. All activities (including activity boxes) start from Camp Square at your booked time, please be prompt.

Leader-led activities We provide the equipment and space, guidance and activity ideas. We'll meet you at the activity meeting point and give you a short briefing. The leader is responsible for supervision and ensuring safety. Please complete a risk assessment. Some leader-led sessions require a permit or qualification (shown with an asterisk * on our price list). We'll check this and provide an induction – please arrange this with us.

Objectives Don't forget to have a think about [what you'd like to get out of your visit](#). Please let us know in advance if you have any specific objectives – we can help you to choose your activities, and our instructors can focus on these during your visit.

Additional needs If anyone in your group has additional or medical needs that may affect any activities you've booked, please let us know.

Catering We'll request any dietary requirements 8 weeks before arrival. We cater for the [14 key allergens](#), vegetarian, vegan and halal diets. We'll try our utmost to cater for other needs, but we're unable to cater for tastes or preferences. There's a [sample menu on our website](#). Meal times and locations will be confirmed on arrival.

Security The centre is 108 acres of open land, and you're likely to encounter other visitors. We conduct random security patrols, but it's impossible for us to monitor everyone's personal property. Secure doors and windows, keep items in-sight or locked away, and leave valuables at home. If you're camping, leave someone behind to keep watch and introduce yourself to your neighbours. Contact reception if you need help storing valuables.

First Aid We will provide First Aid during instructed activities. Visitors are responsible for their own First Aid at other times, but our staff will offer support if required. Defibrillators are located in the Staff Car Park and at Wilson Way – the code to access these is available from the Duty Manager or the ambulance service.

Emergencies If you need to call 999, please let us know immediately afterwards on 07885

765074. Familiarise yourself with the emergency plans in your building or on your field. In the event of a centre evacuation, immediately report to the Assesmbly Point on Branchet Field unless otherwise directed. Assemble your group and report anyone missing to the Assembly Point Officer. Stay together, follow instructions, and don't leave the centre until told to do so.

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