

## SITE INFORMATION

### Reception

Reception is located off the main car park; this is the main administrative base for Hesley Wood. Please come to Reception to book in, on arrival. **You will be asked for your attendance list.**

### Scout Shop & Providore

Hesley Wood operates a Scout Shop where you can purchase scouting uniform, badges, and publications for all scout sections. The Providore has a range of gifts, sweets, drinks, ice cream, and Hesley Wood branded merchandise. The Providore is also where you can pick up your Hesley Wood camp blanket badge, to remember your stay with us. The shop takes cash, card, and cheque payments. For opening times, please ask at reception.

### Goodwin Centre

The Goodwin Centre is a room with a small kitchen and its own toilets, which can be used as a day facility for packed lunches and indoor activities.

### Main Toilet Block

The main toilet block for the site is situated just off the camp centre and is just behind the nature area. It has a disabled / unisex toilet and shower room; six male and six female self-contained showers and changing cubicles; and a male toilet / washroom and a female toilet / washroom.

There are four male toilet cubicles and six urinals, and seven female toilet cubicles. Both toilet / washrooms provide basins, mirrors, soap, and hand towel dispensers. All areas of this block are heated in the colder months. The building also has hot and cold running water; hot water is set to 40°C.

### Top Toilet Block

This toilet block is located centrally to our main camping area, near to our campfire circle. This is also the nearest toilet block to our marquee.

The toilet block has a male and female toilet / washroom, each equipped with three toilet cubicles and two wash basins. Soap and paper towel dispensers are provided. There is also a disabled toilet, which is accessed using a Radar Key.

The building is supplied with hot and cold water, but this building is not heated.

There is also a chemical toilet disposal point, located outside.

### Campfires

The site operates a 'no ground fire rule', except in certain areas. To that end, the site has a number of altar fires, which are available to book; please advise us, when you book, if you would like to reserve an altar fire. During busy times, there may be a limit on the number of altar fires available to you, even when reserved.

### Campfire Circle

Hesley Wood has a campfire circle, which can be booked out. However, there might be other campers who may also wish to join you. Groups are welcome to contribute to the campfire either by leading a song, stunt, or story.

## Fire Lighting Area

The old Fellowship Chalet area has been designated as a fire lighting area, which can also be booked.

## Firewood

Hesley Wood, as its name suggests is in woodland. There is usually sufficient wood, around the site, that can be used. We aim to try and keep the log pile stocked all year around; it is located opposite campsite 2.

If you are collecting wood around the site, please ensure that you use dead wood, as the felling of living trees and the stripping of green wood from trees for campfires is not permitted. The use of chainsaws by guests is also not permitted.

## Parking

Hesley Wood has two main parking areas; the Main Car Park and the Top Car Park. Please refer to our site map for the locations. **The parking of vehicles on campsites is not permitted at any time.** Vehicles are permitted to park near to buildings and campsites, for the purpose of loading / unloading only, but must be returned to the car parks as soon as practically possible. Trailers may be left on the edge of campsites, but the transportation vehicle must not drive onto the campsite. If you need your trailer locating elsewhere on your site, please advise reception who will arrange one of our vehicles to carry this out for you.

## Longfield

As well as our designated campsites we have a 10-acre field, which can be used for camping, games etc. During large-scale events, this area is used as a campsite and can hold up to 3,000 campers. Under normal usage this is a wildflower meadow and is not mowed until August. The area we refer to as the 'football pitches' is kept mowed and can be used for a large-scale camping and games throughout the year.

## Hesley Lake

All water activities provided by the site use the Hesley Lake, which is located at the top of the site. This Lake is only to be used for the provision of water activities approved by the site. Swimming is not permitted.

## The Chapel

The Chapel, a place for quiet contemplations, can be booked for 'Scouts Own'. Please contact reception if you wish to book.

## The Training Ground

This is located below camp centre and is an open, flat, grassed area, which is mainly used during events, but groups are welcome to use it during their stay, subject to availability. Please be aware that other groups may also wish to use it at the same time, and we would ask you to be respectful to each other while in use. The training ground is not part of the Howard Walker Building grounds and must be booked separately.

## Play Area

For use by young members, under the age of 10. Children must be supervised by an adult at **ALL TIMES**.

# SITE ACTIVITIES

## INSTRUCTOR LED

### Bouldering

Unlimited climbing – stamina and determination required. How long will you last? It is advised that you wear long trousers, that don't restrict your movement, and you also wear shoes when doing this, so that it makes it easier for you to climb.

### Climbing

Gain new heights with our purpose-built wall! Learn bell belaying when you are on the ground (age appropriate). Develop your confidence at height and trust in your team-mates. It is advised that you wear long trousers, that don't restrict your movement, and you also wear shoes when doing this, so that it makes it easier for you to climb.

### Abseiling

Are you brave enough to lean out from the tower and put all your trust in the rope? Abseiling is a great personal development activity, requiring you to challenge yourself and get to the bottom as gracefully as possible. Don't worry, your instructor will guide you all the way down!

### Crate Stacking

Standing on top of the stack, how high can you build it before it comes crashing down? Requiring balance and confidence, this activity will push you to your personal limits whilst encouraging teamwork and communication. With the crates being hard plastic, it is advised that you wear trousers and long-sleeved tops because, if a crate falls and hits you without any protection, then it might graze your skin, and it hurts!

### Archery & Indoor Archery

Requires precision, control, and a steady hand. Learn and develop the techniques required to hit your targets, just like Robin Hood. It is recommended that anyone that has any visual impairments should please inform the instructors beforehand so that they can gain the most out of the session.

### Axe Throwing

In this exciting activity, participants are put through their paces, testing skill and accuracy, using our specially made throwing axes. Can you hit the bullseye? The axes are sharp and can be dangerous if used in the wrong way.

### Rifle Shooting

An excellent opportunity to learn a skill that requires concentration and a good eye for accuracy to hit your targets. As this activity uses .177 air rifles, strict range discipline is always maintained at all times. This activity requires a specific parental consent form, to be completed and handed to the instructor.

### Soft Axe

Channel your inner Viking with our soft axe throwing! Perfect for younger participants to practice in a safe environment.

### Cube

The cube is a dark maze that anyone can get lost in. You need to have the determination to finish this maze because if not, then you could be lost in there for good. Do you have what it takes to escape the cube?

## Obstacle Course

Make your way around this series of obstacles, both individually and as a team. There are a number of challenges, focusing on teamwork and communication, which will be set. How well will your team do?

## Zipline

Travel at high speed while suspended and harnessed from an overhead cable. Determination and courage are required. There is also a maximum weight limit of 11 stone (70 kilos) and weight limit and 5' 10" (178cm) height limit. It is recommended that you take good walking boots with you, that have firm grips on the bottom, because once you have been down the zipline you then need to bring the swing back up, and it can sometimes be very muddy walking back up. So firm walking boots are advised.

## SELF-LED

### Cavebus

The Cavebus is designed to simulate caving but in a safe and controlled environment. It is a great activity for all ages, even adults, but narrow passages are more suited to the smaller person! Can you finish the Cavebus?

### Cresta Run

Fly down the Cresta run course at high speed. You will reach speeds that you have never reached before. On our specially designed sledges, you can learn to control your speed and when to brake. Please remember, when using the Cresta sledges, that you must use the brakes and keep your hands and legs inside the sledge, at all times.

### Grass Sledging

No need to wait for the snow with these sledges on wheels. Keep your arms and legs inside as you zoom down our grass course. Please remember, when using the grass sledges, that you must use the brakes and keep your hands and legs inside the sledge, at all times.

### Nightline

Put your trust and communication skills to the test. Participants will be blindfolded and use a rope to be guided along the course with only verbal instructions from teammates.

The course may include challenges like balancing, crawling or manoeuvring around natural or man-made objects.

Full covered shoes are required. Long sleeves and trousers should be worn for this activity and long hair to be tied back.

### Rolling Wall

Test your climbing ability and endurance with our motorised, rotating climbing wall. Several different route options, as well as adjustable tilt and speed, can make it a challenge for anyone.

### Pedal Go Karts

Travel round our purpose-built course on go karts. You'll need a good combination of strength and co-ordination to keep pedalling during a range of fun games and tasks.

### Pioneering Poles

A great way to develop teamwork, communication, and logistical skills. Test your creativity and building skills with our poles. **Bring your own ropes!**

## **Inflatables**

Hesley now has a variety of different inflatable items available, including an obstacle course, that allow you to run and bounce around to your heart's content. Please see our pricelist for the full range available.

## **Orienteering**

A great opportunity for young people to experience decision making in a team situation. Learn navigation skills as you find various markers around the course. There are several courses available, depending on the skill and experience of your group.

## **Hesley Trail & Beaver Trail**

Follow the Beaver Trail and see if you can find all the beavers hidden around the Hesley Wood site or test your detective skills on the Hesley Trail.

## **Nerf Guns / Crossbows**

Get your youngsters involved in target sports with our crossbows and nerf guns. Practice aiming at the targets and/or tins and see what they get.

## **Nature Area**

Off the camp centre there is the nature area. An activity that can be booked and is self-led. This area is also a quiet area for those that need to get away from the 'hustle and bustle' of camping life.

## **Flintstone Karts (can be both instructor or self-led)**

Test your knotting skills with our dry land rafting, building your Flintstone Kart with barrels and poles, tying them together – just try not to get knotted up!

## **Team Building (can be both instructor or self-led)**

There are a number of problem-solving exercises to get your group really working together. The tasks will vary, depending on the group, but all are designed to be challenging and fun. Each task is reviewed to ensure that your group develop communication and logical thinking skills throughout the activity.

## **WATER ACTIVITIES (SEASONAL)**

### **Canoeing**

These large open boats can carry two to three people. You will explore the beautiful surroundings, out on the water, whilst developing your paddling skills. We recommend that you wear old clothing and shoes that you don't mind getting wet.

### **Stand Up Paddleboards**

Learn to balance on the water and see how long you can stand! Your instructor will help you develop your skill and precision, moving across the water. We recommend that you wear old clothing and shoes that you don't mind getting wet.

### **Raft Building**

Your team builds a raft to carry them across the water – hopefully without sinking or falling in! Develop communication, teamwork, and logistical skills. Instructors will provide support and ideas, but ultimately it is planning and co-operation that are vital to success.

# SITE RULES

## Activities

During the activities, all participants must listen to the instructors. Participants who fail to follow the safety instructions may be asked to leave the activity.

## Rubbish

Bins are provided in all buildings. The main bins are located outside the top toilet block and on the main drive, next to the car park.

Please recycle where you can; the mixed recycling bin is located on the drive – the big red bin on the left.

## Restricted Areas

On site we have areas that are restricted areas. The main area is the compound, which is where we keep site vehicles, trailers, and equipment.

If you go and explore the site, we ask that you don't go to the lake unless a member of staff is already down there. Also, make sure that when walking through the woods, children are always accompanied.

## Behaviour

Staff and leaders are responsible for the behaviour of their young people, at all times whilst on site. We ask that groups respect other groups on site, as well as members of staff. If other groups are camping on site, **please do not walk through their camping area and please do not enter buildings that aren't your own.**

## Security

We recommend that, during your stay, you do not leave any valuables on site in the buildings or in your tents. When leaving the building, make sure you lock it. Staff may challenge anyone walking around the site, so please ensure that your group can be identified.

## First Aid

If you have an accident during your visit, please deal with it using your own first aid procedures and then inform the centre or duty person of the accident.

## Buildings

**Our buildings are regularly maintained, and you are requested to leave them clean and tidy when you vacate the premises.**

## Vehicles

**Vehicles may be taken to the perimeter of your site for the purpose of unloading. Vehicles driving around the site must ALWAYS stick to the 5mph speed limit and have their hazard lights on. All vehicles must return to the car park once unloaded. Never take vehicles onto the camping pitches.**

## Fires

Open fires are **ONLY** allowed on altar fires, which can be booked in advance.

## Departure

Please aim to depart from the buildings / campsites by 11 am on weekdays, and 4 pm on a Sunday. Please leave the building as clean as it was when you arrived, and ensure that sites are free of rubbish.

## Other

Any problems during your stay, please don't hesitate to contact the duty person on:  
0114 3998621

All our activities and operations follow the Scout Association Policy, Organisation and rules (POR). The latest version is available at [Scouts.org.uk](https://www.scouts.org.uk)

It is the responsibility of the person making the booking, to ensure that you are meeting all the requirements of your own organisation such as Adventurous Activity requirements, Nights Away Notifications and any approvals required by your organisation are obtained.

## Feedback

Your feedback on your visit is important to the ongoing development of the centre. We regularly review feedback and look for common themes. Please could you spare a moment of your time and fill in our evaluation questionnaire? The questionnaire is available online by scanning the QR code on the back of the welcome card, that you are given on arrival.

**Thank you for your stay – we hope to see you again soon.**

## On Call Duty Person

Duty Contact Number: 0114 3998621