

# Girlguiding North Tyneside Outdoor Centre

## Cheviot View Camp Site Brochure



## Camp site Details:

Cheviot View
Kirknewton Village
Nr Wooler
Northumberland
NE71 6XG

Telephone: 01668 216176

## **Booking Enquiries:**

Visit: www.girlguidingnorthtyneside.org.uk and check out the booking diary for availability.

e mail booking requests to: girlguidingnt@btinternet.com

Telephone: 0191 2728979 office staffed during school term times:

Monday and Wednesday 9.30am - 2.30pm, Tuesday 7.00pm - 8.30pm, Saturday 10am - 12noon. Answer machine in operation.

Or call in at the times above to: Trefoil House

31 Howard Street North Shields NE30 1AR

#### **Directions**

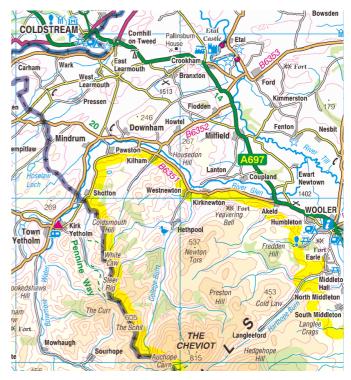
From A1 south:

From A1 take A697 signposted Wooler and Coldstream, follow road until approximately 3 miles north of Wooler. Turn left (at the flagpoles) onto B6351 signposted Kirknewton and Kirk Yetholm. Cheviot View is 2.5 miles along the road, turning left at the village hall.

#### From A1 north:

Take B6354 towards Ford Castle, turning left at A697 then right onto B6351 at flagpoles as above directions.

Please note: Sat Nav systems will not usually take you to the correct place.



## **Camping Field**

The field is flat and excellent for camping. We suggest that on the camp site 40 is a sensible number but if you have booked the house as well, this may be extended. There is a designated campfire area in the wild zone at the end of the site. There are 4 wooden picnic tables.

## **Camp Site Facility Building**

- Campsite building has electric power, fresh cold water from all taps and a hot water system.
- Camp kitchen with fridge, kettle and microwave
- 1 x double toilet with sinks
- 1 x single toilet with sink
- 1 x accessible wet room with toilet, sink and shower
- 3 x individual shower rooms
- Outdoor belfast sink and drainer
- Paved veranda
- Upstairs room (The Bothy) which may be used for shelter and activities. This does not have an accessible entrance.

## Camp Store (under stairs)

- Cutlery, plates, cups and bowls for 40
- Cooking pans and utensils for use on gas or wood fires
- 3 Go Pak folding tables
- Fire grids

#### **Camp Cooking**

You can use gas; trangia's or cook using wood. We do not have a supply of wood. If you plan to cook on wood fires for any length of time you will need to have some delivered. Some wood may be collected for hike fires.

There are a number of wood and fuel suppliers, one suggestion is Carrs Billington, Bridge End, South Road, Wooler, NE71 6QE. Telephone number: 01668 281567.

#### **Camp Site Cleaning**

In the wet room you will find:

- Mops
- Brushes
- Washing line
- Pegs
- Clothes horse

#### Fresh Water

We have our own water borehole on the site. All taps supply fresh drinking water. The pump system has a cleaning cycle that runs for about 20 minutes every 24 hours. This is set by a

timer to run during the night. If there have been local power outages, this can trip up the timer and it may run during the daytime.

While it runs you will have no water supply but it will come back on when the cleaning cycle finishes. Please notify us on your visit report form if this happens.

#### **Waste Water**

There is a septic tank on site. Please do not flush any sanitary items down the toilets, bins are provided. Also check your toilet cleaning product is suitable, it should be bleach free.

## **Rubbish and Cleaning**

If using fires please burn as much rubbish as possible. Otherwise bag rubbish and put in the large bin in the car park. Please wrap up the cold ash and dispose of it in the waste bin.

The blue bin is for recycling. There is no glass recycling in the area. Bins are emptied on a Tuesday. At the end of your visit please place the bins at the edge of the car park otherwise they will not be emptied.

Full details of what can be recycled on the wall of the store room.

Do not leave any rubbish bags that do not fit into the bins, they won't be collected and we will be fined. Also, the local wildlife will enjoy the contents, but won't tidy up the mess left behind.

We do not supply any cleaning materials, please bring with you what is required, and take home what you do not use. Toilet cleaners need to be bleach free for our septic tank.

## Household Waste Recovery Centre - Wooler (tip) details:

Address: Brewery Lane, NE71 6QG, view location map Phone: 0345 600 6400 or one of our local phone numbers

Opening times:

- 1 April to 31 October 8am to 7.30pm Open 4 days a week- Every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday
- 1 November to 31 March 8am to 6pm- Open 4 days a week- Every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday

Open on bank holidays (except Christmas Day and New Year's Day when it is closed)

NB- please click here for information about the changes to site opening days at this site since Tuesday 4 October 2016

**Household recycling centre** for glass bottles, jars, textiles and shoes:

Wooler Bus Station, NE71 6BY

#### Mobile Signal / Wifi

The mobile signal at the site varies from non-existent to very weak. You can however pick up a signal about 1 mile along the road towards Wooler. There is wifi facility in the house if you have access to it but the connection is slow. There is a public phone box in the village.

## **Electrical Gadgets**

Groups are responsible for the safety, condition and use of any electrical equipment brought to the site.

## **Power Supply**

This is a rural area and occasionally power outages can occur. If the power goes off in the camp site building, check the mains trip switch which is located on the wall to the left of the fridge.

#### Fire Evacuation

The fire assembly point is in the car park at the front of the site.

## **Health and Safety**

A generic camp site risk assessment will be supplied to any group making a booking.

There are a couple of items we need to specifically mention here:

- The whole site is a no smoking area
- Regularly check water spillages from floors to prevent slipping.
- Bothy above toilet block can be used by campers if weather is inclement but please do not cook in it.
- The checks shown on the playground risk assessment must be made before a group is allowed to use the playground.

#### **Badges**

There are Cheviot View Camp Site badges, if you would like to purchase these for your group please order when you book the site.

#### **Resources on Site**

Store box behind the Lodge contains bats, balls, parachute, hoops, large connect 4. If there is a group using the house please co-ordinate with them when you can have access.

The boundary of the camp site is marked by a hedge. If there are visitors in the Lodge, the land beyond this hedge is for the Lodge visitors' use. The adventure playground is designed for Brownie and Guide aged children but we recognise that all will want to use it - this is at your own risk. Do not use it when wood is wet and check the condition of it before use. A risk assessment is on the website.

Campfire circle for any outdoor fires is in the 'wild' zone, please do not turf any part of the site.

6 purpose made alter fire stands are on the campsite behind the building

The site is within the boundaries of the recently awarded 'Dark Skies' area so take your star gazing books, find a clear night and it's amazing.

#### Resources nearby:

Wooler Tourist Office has a local town trail, the Wooler police station also does visitor tours by prior arrangement it is an old building and still has the prison cells!

Millfield - local iron age fort that has been reconstructed

'Active 4 Seasons' offer various outdoor activities including canoeing, kayaking and climbing. Check out their website for details or phone 07941 450064

Kimmerston Riding Centre, e: jane@kimmerston.com

Heatherslaw Mill and light railway (9 miles) www.discovertheborders.co.uk/places/51

Pot A Doodle Scremerston (19 miles) <u>www.potadoodledo.com</u>

Northumberland National Park website detail various walks some of which start from Kirknewton

Quad Biking, Scremerston 01289 386642

Local Bus / coach hire all sizes, Glen Valley Tours, Wooler. 01668 281578

## **Accident and Emergency**

#### Local Medical centre

Cheviot Primary Care centre, Padgepool Place, Wooler, NE71 6BL.

Open: 8.30am - 6pm Monday - Friday

Telephone: 01668 281740

Journey time approx. 10 minutes

GP out of hours service: tel: 0845 6080320

#### **Hospitals**

To the North: Berwick Infirmary, Infirmary Square, Berwick upon Tweed, TD15 1LT

Telephone: 01289 356600 Journey time 43 minutes

To the South East: Wansbeck Hospital, Woodhorn Lane, Ashington, NE763 9JJ

Telephone: 01670 521212 Journey time: 1 hour

To the West: Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS

Telephone: 01896 826000

Journey time: 1 hour 10 minutes

Police: 0845 6043043

**Local Emergency Repairs:** contact: Mr Paul Wood: 07970 426637 (only to be contacted with permission of Girlguiding North Tyneside unless it is an absolute emergency).

**Local Church Services**: St Gregory the Great, Church of England, Kirknewton, Reverend Suzanne Cooke. To get in touch, the contact is- The Reverend Judith Dobson, assistant curate. Tel. (01668) 216098. The church would be delighted for any groups to join them on a Sunday, but could they let the Reverend know please, so she can pitch the service to their level. Visitors are always made very welcome.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

These usually centre around what we do and do not supply so we hope the following is useful:

## What We Supply ...

- Camp equipment for up to 40 visitors
- 4 x picnic tables
- 3 x folding tables
- 6 x altar fire stands
- Rubbish incinerator
- Flagpole

## We don't Supply ...

- Tents
- Chairs, except those attached to the picnic tables
- Cleaning products for the store, toilets and showers
- 'Oven' gloves for outdoor cooking
- Cleaning cloths, dishcloths, pan scrubs, rubber gloves
- Towels
- Tea towels
- First Aid box
- Toilet rolls
- Hand wash
- Toilet cleaner (non bleach)
- Wood and / or other fuel or stoves for cooking
- Saw or axe to chop wood
- Bin liners

#### **Cheviot View Site Rules**

The residents of Kirknewton pride themselves on their small but lovely hamlet. Please help them to keep the hamlet beautiful and by our actions be a good P.R. representative for Girlguiding. Please conduct yourself with due regard to others at all times.

- 1. No arrivals or departures are to take place after 21:00 hours, except in cases of emergency or with prior agreement.
- 2. Please keep noise to a minimum throughout your stay. Quiet must be observed between the hours of 22:30 (absolute quiet after 23:00) until 07:00. When arriving or returning to the campsite at night please remember that other campers and residents of Kirknewton may be asleep and behave accordingly.

- 3. No stereos or amplified musical instruments are to be played on the site at any time. This rule may be relaxed for small stereos and acoustic instruments with prior agreement of Girlguiding North Tyneside between the hours of 10am 8pm provided noise levels are kept to a minimum and are not intrusive upon other campers or the residents of Kirknewton.
- 4. Any generators used on site are to be of the appropriately silenced type and are not permitted for use after 20:00 (without prior agreement of Girlguiding North Tyneside) as they can spoil the peace and tranquillity of the evening for our neighbours.
- 5. The discharge of fireworks is strictly prohibited on the campsite and surrounding areas, unless within the appropriate season and with prior agreement of Girlguiding North Tyneside.
- 6. Vehicles are not allowed on the grassed areas. Vehicles must park in the car park.
- 7. Pets are not allowed on site or in the building at Cheviot View. Guide dogs are the only exception.
- 8. Please respect St. Gregory's churchyard and do not let groups go in there unsupervised.
- 9. We operate a no smoking policy at Cheviot View on all areas of the site including the car park.
- 10. Please note that outdoor cooking must be on raised altar fires or the fixed fire places, turfing is not allowed.
- 11. Please do not empty sanitary bins; contents are disposed of safely by a clinical waste firm.
- 12. Contract Terms please note that these rules and conditions form the basis of our contract with you.

We have drawn up these guidelines for your benefit and that of others in the area, ensuring that your stay will be pleasurable and at the same time enabling us to continue our work in this lovely part of Northumberland.

NB: Girlguiding North Tyneside reserves the right to ask any group to vacate the Outdoor Centre and make good any damage caused. Anyone found to be in serious breach of the site rules may be asked to leave with immediate effect, without any refund and may be refused future admission to Cheviot View. We thank you for your co-operation.

You will be asked to sign a copy of these rules prior to your visit.

## **Girlguiding Groups**

Please remember to send your completed REN forms to your local commissioner for approval and also to our local holiday adviser. If you need information on current local advisers, please contact the County office.

## On Arrival

Here are a few things to help get you on arrival to use the camp site:

- The double gates from the car park are just bolted.
- Enter the site by the small gate near the bins
- Open the double gates for easy access.
- Once unloaded remove all vehicles to the car park and close the gates

- The key we have supplied opens the store room door
- On the wall to your right you will find a key board with all keys for the toilet and shower doors
- If you need hot water, switch on the immersion, the switch is marked 'water heater'
- Switch on the fridge freezer plug in and close doors
- Everything you need will be either in the store room, the wet room or behind the building
- Key for outdoor games box is in the key cabinet on the wall in the kitchen store
- Please make all campers aware that the fire assembly point is in the car park.

## On Departure

You will be provided with a copy of this list please use it to ensure the Camp Site is left secure and ready for the next visitors. The site will be inspected and your retainer payment returned if everything is found to be in good order.

Toilet	Clean all showers and toilets used, wipe tiles, scrub floors with deck brush then
Block	mop dry
	Clean and disinfect toilets
	Clean all hand basins and tile backs
	Empty toilet bins
	Clean kitchen sink
	Unplug and wipe out microwave if used
	Unplug and empty kettle
	Switch off fridge freezer, unplug, empty and wipe out. Leave door open
	Empty all food and possessions from camp kitchen
	Turn off the two water heater switches
	Sweep, scrub and mop camp kitchen floor
	Store folding tables in the camp kitchen
	Replace all used keys to the wall key holder before locking the store room - make sure all doors are locked and lights are off
	Whatever you bring with you, please take it home including all food and
	cleaning materials
Outside	Sweep veranda paved areas
	Clean outside sink
	Carry out a site litter pick to ensure nothing is left in the grass
	Tidy any wood into the camp wood pile
	Return games to the outdoor store and lock it. Return key to wall key holder
	Remove all rubbish from the site
	Return any borrowed equipment to where you found it
	Clean cool ashes from the incinerator, leave it empty behind the building
	Place wheelie bins at the car park edge for collection