

Giant's Seat Scout and Community Camp Site



Off Ringley Road West
Outwood
Radcliffe
Manchester
M26 1DY

CAMPSITE INFORMATION

Giant's Seat Scout & Community Campsite is wholly owned by Radcliffe District Scout Association and is open to use by other organisations. We especially encourage youth and community organisations to use a facility not generally available in the Greater Manchester area.

We are a traditional "Backwoods" style campsite with basic facilities – offering a rare opportunity for young people to really get away from all the pressures and distractions of modern life !

It is strongly recommended that you visit the site before making a booking if you have not stayed with us before.

The site is available for any size of group – the main camping field can easily cater for 500 people. Everyone is welcome and we can normally accommodate any type of event by contact and discussion with the Campsite Manager. As well as the main camping field, we also have 50 acres of woodland – perfect for remote camping, building shelters, etc.

Most questions are answered within this guide – but if not please contact us and we will be happy to answer your questions.



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**LEAVE NOTHING BEHIND EXCEPT A GOOD IMPRESSION
AND TAKE NOTHING YOU DID NOT BRING**

Above all else, enjoy your stay and come back soon !

Walter Martin Lodge:

This is the only indoor accommodation the site has to offer at present. In common with the general nature of the site, we deliberately offer only basic facilities.



Martin Lodge

Main Hall

There is a fairly large main hall with sufficient tables and chairs for residents. It can be used for activities as needed (but not involving balls, etc. because of the lighting and windows).

Sleeping Accomodation

There are four dormitories sleeping 4 persons each and two leaders' rooms sleeping two and four people respectively. Sheets are provided for all beds but a sleeping bag and pillow is required.

General Facilities

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Kitchen

- Gas cooker
- Large fridge-freezer
- Storage facilities
- Crockery and cutlery supplied. **Toilets / Washing**
- There are toilet and washing facilities in the Lodge as well as a new shower.
- Separate Male/Female toilets.
- Hot water for all basins. **Drying**
- Space is available for drying wet/damp clothing. **Heating**
- Gas central heating throughout the building and is included in the price.

Housekeeping

- The building must be left clean and tidy and swept out. Mopping may be necessary if outdoor footwear is used in the hall.
- All breakages must be paid for before departing building.
- The boot rack must be used for all outdoor shoes/boots. Footwear worn outside should never be worn inside the building. It only means you have a lot more cleaning to do at the end of your stay !

Telephones

The camp warden may be contacted during your stay and will give you the relevant telephone numbers. There are **no telephones in Martin Lodge**, please inform the camp warden if you do not have mobile phone facilities.

Rubbish/Waste

There are **no rubbish collection services** visiting the site. You must either burn or take home all litter, rubbish and waste.

Alarms, Escapes & Incidents

There are two fire extinguishers - one in the kitchen and one in the main corridor near front door. Charges will be made for unauthorised use of fire extinguishers.

Fire alarms are fitted in main hall.

If you leave the building (and site) for any reason then the burglar alarm should be activated - code available from camp warden.

An incident book is available where all accidents, etc. must be recorded and checked with the Camp Warden before leaving site.

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Camping



Prior Bookings

No permission is granted under any circumstances for access to the campsite, its grounds, or facilities unless prior booking is made.

There is a gate at the end of the single track lane which is **ALWAYS** locked unless a booking is made in advance. There is no turning circle. You will find it very difficult to reverse back up the narrow lane - much more so in the dark and especially if there is a line of vehicles.

Camp Fees

All fees must be paid before leaving the site. See the Costs sheet later in this guide.

All cheques to be made payable to :

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Water Supply

All water to the site is metered; please use it sensibly and sparingly.

Toilet Block

Please help us keep the toilets clean and tidy. Report misuse to the camp staff. The Toilet Block must be cleaned before leaving site. This is the responsibility of those using the camping facilities or where the request has been made for extra facilities for people using Martin Lodge.

Vehicles

Vehicles may be taken onto the field to unload/load camping equipment etc. In wet weather the camp staff may ask that all vehicles remain on the car park to avoid damage to the field. **Fires**

- 1) Open fires are permitted and encouraged on the field but must not be directly on the ground. Please take care to protect the grass beneath and around the fire. Do not cut live trees for wood or break off live branches. There is plenty of ‘fallen’ timber on the ground in the woods that can be freely used – and generally burns much better !
 - a. There is no dedicated woodpile for use.
 - b. Please make sure you bring kindling – wood on the ground can be damp
 - c. Tea-Light candles (very cheap) are pretty good for getting fires started – they keep burning while the wood above dries out !
- 2) Fires are not permitted in the woods, unless by permission of the camp warden or deputy.
- 3) Keep all fires and open flames at least 30 metres away from the large double gas containers outside the Walter Martin Lodge.

Chapel

There is a small chapel to the side of Martin Lodge where Scouts Own or other services may be held.

General Information

Access Road

We maintain a good neighbour policy. Please observe our speed limit and keep use of the road to a minimum. There is a gate at the end of the single track lane. **It will be locked unless a booking is made in advance.** There is no turning circle – so you will find it difficult to reverse – especially if there is a line of traffic and in the dark !!

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There are **no waste collection services** visiting the Campsite. Please either burn or take away all your rubbish. Pick up any litter you see. If possible – burn as much as you can.

Arrival / Departure / Showing Permits / "Local DC"

As agreed with the Camp Warden at least one week before your visit. See the above caution regarding the access lane and the campsite gate being locked. All visitors must sign in on arrival and sign out on departure. Scout and Guide Groups are requested to show valid and up-to-date permits – otherwise permission to camp can be refused.

The local District Commissioner is : Alan Sharkey

Shop

A small shop is available on request (with Camp Warden at least a week before arrival) with a small selection of Giants Seat memorabilia.

Disabled Facilities and access

We strongly recommend a site visit for groups or individuals wanting to use the site that have special physical needs. Being a 'basic' site means that – for example – wheelchair access is not possible for all areas of the site and for other areas some assistance will be needed. This is a high priority improvement area for our development plans.



How to find us

Our address is at the top of this information pack. However, **DO NOT rely entirely on SATNAV** as some systems using the postcode M26 1DY send you to Giants Seat Garden Centre – which is very close in a straight line – but a few miles further round on the road with **no** access to the site. Please use the following directions as well. **Directions**

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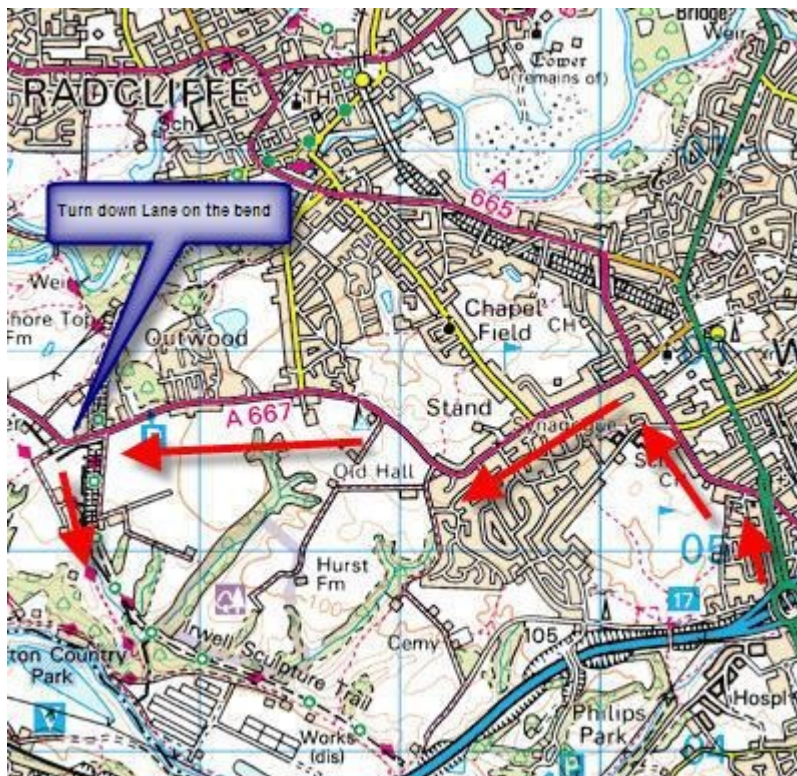
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- Giants Seat is located off Ringley Road West. This is the A667, which runs between Whitefield (Manchester) and Kearsley (Bolton).
- The campsite is between the villages of Outwood and Ringley.
- Distance from M60 Junction 17 - 3 miles (10 minutes).
- Grid reference (of entrance from Ringley Road West) - SD 774 055 GB Grid OS Sheet 109 Manchester 1:50000 Sheet (Landranger)

From the M60 Junction 17 :



Exit M60 J17 and follow signs North towards Bury on dual carriageway. **Stay left** as you follow the road to the left (Radcliffe) with a McDonalds on your left.

Follow through a pelican crossing and past golf course on your left. **Straight on** at the junction with the School on your left.

At the next junction stay in the left hand lane as it approaches next set of lights. **Follow the filter road left.** There is a large Church on the right of this junction.

Keep going straight until you come to a mini-roundabout. **Straight on.**

Follow the road round a sharp right hand bend and past the minor road (to Radcliffe) on your right with a pub on the corner.

Go straight on down the hill and through Outwood. You will pass Ringley Car Sales on your right. You will next cross over a bridge (looks just like a wall).

SLOW DOWN you are approaching a bend and the lane you need to take is on it !! **Turn left** down the lane and follow track along the fenced field edge to the campsite.

round a sharp left hand bend to a house. There is a track straight on but you bear left on a track across the field and the rough track along the fenced field edge to the campsite.

Activities

Being a "Back To Basics" site, we offer facilities that enable a wide variety of activities not normally available. There are also plenty of things to choose from off-site but very close by.

For Groups With Their Own Equipment :

- Large-scale Pioneering
- Mountain Bike Trails / Skills

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- Backpacking expeditions as a stop-over camp site

Activities needing little equipment or available on-site :

- Hikes / Walks
- Backwoods cooking
- Fire-lighting
- Pioneering (contact Campsite Manager for what is available)
- Wide games
- Shelter Building
- Nature trails
- Tracking
- Orienteering
- Map & Compass work
- Field sports – football ; cricket; rounders; hockey; mini-olympics

Other Activities

Stuart Igoe of Alternative Adventure uses the site for many activities. If you want to arrange something different – then please contact Stuart directly. The web-site is :

<http://www.altadv.co.uk/>

Or by telephone on 01254 704 898

Local Amenities

- ASDA Supermarket (Radcliffe) – 10 minutes drive

Local Attractions / Activities

- **Radcliffe Swimming Pool** : T : 0161 253 7000
10 minute drive / 30 minute walk along trail
- **Bury Swimming Pool** : T: 0161 253 6513 (20 minute Drive)
- **Lancashire Fusiliers Museum** : <http://www.fusiliermuseum.com/>
Moss Street, Bury, BL9 0DF 0161 763 8950 (20 minutes drive)

The Fusilier Museum is home to the collection of the XX Lancashire Fusiliers and the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, commemorating over 300 years of history and heritage

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- **East Lancashire Railway** : <http://www.east-lancs-rly.co.uk/> : runs steam (and occasionally diesel) rolling stock on 16 mile round trip through the Rossendale Valley. Opened in 1846 to link the Manchester to Bolton line with Radcliffe, a popular passenger and freight route, it continued to Rawtenstall along the Irwell Valley. However the last passenger train ran on the section in 1972. Since then the line has been preserved by the East Lancashire Preservation Society and the first section of the line reopened for passengers in 1987.
- **Burrs Country Park** : one mile north of Bury, this country park has been created on the site of two historic cotton mills: Burrs Mill and Higher Woodhill Mill. With natural and manmade water courses the park is a great place for watersports. Facilities include a training pool and slalom courses on the river for canoeists. See <http://www.burrs.org.uk/> Other outdoor sports such as abseiling and climbing. Countryside and riverside walks and a orienteering trail.
Open: all year **Tel:** 0161 253 5111
- **VUE Cinemas, Bury** : (15 minutes drive)
<https://www.myvue.com/cinema/bury-the-rock/whats-on>
- **Nature Trail, Clifton Park** (10 minutes walk from the site)
<http://www.salford.gov.uk/cliftoncountry.htm>

Accident/Emergency/Medical Information

- **Fairfield General Hospital** : (20 minutes drive) Rochdale Old Road, Bury, BL9 7TD : Tel 0161 764 6081.
<http://www.nhs.uk/servicedirectories/pages/hospital.aspx?id=rw601>
- **Royal Bolton Hospital** : (15 minutes drive)
Minerva Road, Farnworth, Bolton, BL4 0JR : Tel 01204 390 390
<http://www.boltonft.nhs.uk/locations/royal-bolton-hospital/>
- **Bury NHS Walk-In Centre (20 minutes drive) (Bury Town Centre)**
22 Derby Way, Bury, BL9 0NJ
Mon-Fri : 7am to 3pm Sat/Sun : 9am to 5pm The last appointment is 30 minutes prior to closing
<http://www.nhs.uk/Services/clinics/Overview/DefaultView.aspx?id=103235>

Costs

(applicable to 31 December 2018)

Camping :

Scouting/Guide	£2.50 per person per night
Other Youth Groups	£3.00 per person per night

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Others **£5.00 per person per night**

Martin Lodge :

Beaver sleepover (one night) **£50.00** plus camp fees per person

Weekend rate (Friday to Sunday) **£80.00** plus camp fees per person

Weekly rates (for 6 nights) **£300.00** plus camp fees per person

Day Visitors : **£1.00** per person per day/part day

Deposits (non-returnable)

Camping **£20.00**

Martin Lodge **£50.00**

Cleaning Charges (if not done by Groups using facilities)

- Camping Field Toilet Block **£20.00**
- Martin Lodge Toilets **£20.00**
- Martin Lodge Kitchen **£20.00**
- Martin Lodge Hall **£20.00**
- Martin Lodge Bedrooms (each) **£5.00**

Breakages / Repairs **At Cost**

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