

BLAIR ACTIVITY CENTRE

VISITOR HANDBOOK

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TOP: STANDARD WIGWAM
MIDDLE: LEADERS WIGWAM
BOTTOM: BADGER HALL



OUR FACILITIES

Girlguiding Ayrshire North are delighted that you are interested in visiting Blair Activity Centre for your next adventure!

Our site is set within 8 acres of North Ayrshire countryside and offers camping, indoor accommodation in wigwams, an amenity block & an activity centre.

WIGWAMS

We have 5 wigwams that each sleep 5 on a raised bed area which folds up to give a comfy seating area in the day.

Each wigwam has an electric panel heater (and fuse box) and storage area.

For the leaders, we have a wigwam that sleeps 4 with the luxury of an en-suite shower room.

OOR CHALET

Whether you book the wigwams, and/or choose to camp, you will also have the use of Oor Chalet which is our amenity block/wet weather accommodation.

It provides a fully fitted kitchen (5 ring, double oven, electric cooker, microwave oven, fridge and all utensils); camp store with space for tables and chairs for indoor dining or activities, large fridge & separate freezer; accessible toilet with shower; toilet facilities comprising 3 WC cubicles, 2 basins and 2 showers. There are also 2 outside belfast sinks.

BADGER HALL

Built in 2018, our fully equipped activity centre is available for hire in addition to your residential booking.

The main hall offers a bright space ideal for indoor activities and dining. The adjacent kitchen area is fully equipped with a 7 ring double oven gas cooker, microwave oven, 2 fridges, utensils and plenty of crockery and cutlery. The layout of the kitchen offers the ideal setting for baking or cookery sessions with your group.
As well as ladies', gents' and accessible toilet facilities there is also a spacious entrance area for outdoor gear.

The building is centrally heated, and is equipped with a fire alarm system and automatic lighting to toilet areas. Ramped access to the front direct from the parking area.

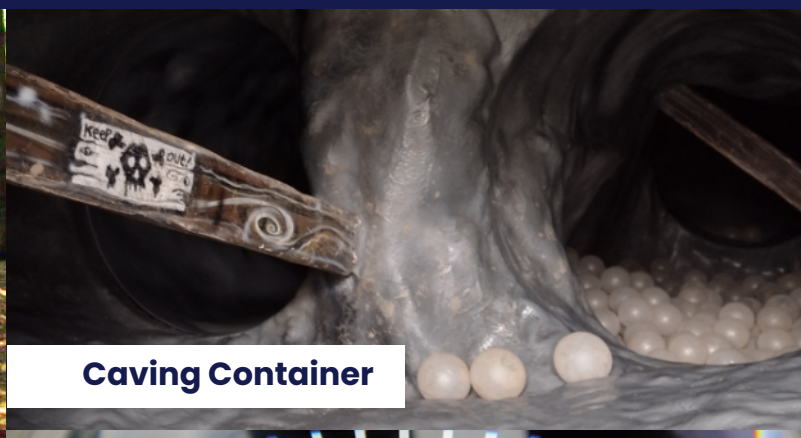
Booking this space for your residential will guarantee exclusive use of the site.

ACTIVITIES

A stay at Blair can be as active as you choose, and the following activities are all included within your accommodation fee:



Low Ropes Course
Initial instruction required



Caving Container



Indoor Curling



Orienteering
Geocaching equipment such as GPS available for self set up



Private Grounds
Plenty of space for den building, team challenges and good old-fashioned outdoor fun!



Outdoor Cooking areas with equipment



Music Playground



Traditional Games
Including Giant Jenga, Giant Connect 4, Parachutes

Risk assessments for all site facilities & activities are available to download from our website.



THE IMPORTANT STUFF

ACCESS AND KEYS

You will be advised of the relevant access codes shortly before your visit.

ELECTRICITY

Chalet - Fuse Box is found next to the emergency exit (Back left corner as you enter the main door). **All switches should be up on the 'ON' position.**

Wigwams - Fuse Boxes for each Wigwam are found to the bottom right of the main door under the cupboard. **Please switch the fuse boxes off after use.**

Badger Hall - Fuse Box found in the Plant Room adjacent the Cleaning Cupboard in the entrance hall (To the right of the main entrance door)

BOILERS

Badger Hall - The combi boiler is in the kitchen. To switch it on, please follow the instructions that are printed on/beside the boiler.

Chalet - The boiler can be turned on with the two switches to the right of the Fuse Box and also the two switches above the boiler. Will take approx. a couple of hours to heat the water.

TELEPHONE

There is no landline at the site. Most mobile networks receive a signal although you may have to go outside.

BEDDING & TENTS

No bedding & tents will be provided – you will need to bring your own tents, sleeping bags, pillows and pillowcases.

KITCHEN

The kitchens in both Oor Chalet and Badger Hall have utensils, cutlery, crockery, bowls and trays. You will need to bring your own cloths and dish towels.

In Badger Hall when using the gas grill, please keep the grill door open while cooking.

Please note that deep fat frying is not permitted in either building.

RUBBISH AND RECYCLING

At present we have no rubbish collection facility. Please take all your rubbish home.

SEPTIC TANK

We have a septic tank on site so **please do not use any products containing bleach or anti-bacterial products**. All cleaning products are provided – please do not bring your own.

The septic tank cannot dispose of sanitary towels, tampons etc – please use the bins provided.

FIRE SAFETY

On arrival you should familiarise yourself with the Fire Instructions (see Notice Boards), fire extinguishers and fire blankets. There are also Break Glass points in Badger Hall.

Smoke detectors are located in all the buildings on site. There is a fire alarm in Badger Hall with the control panel at the main entrance.

No smoking on site, including e-cigarettes.

Leaders must complete a risk assessment before lighting any fires. You should only use either the alter fire pit adjacent to the wood store, or the portable fire pit which is kept in the wood store and to be used only on gravel surfacing.

Ensure fire buckets are in place before lighting any fires and do not use flammable liquids to start fires.

Spray from aerosol cans can set off fire alarms – **please do not use.**

Please check any portable electrical equipment is safe before bringing it on site. Items should be PAT tested. Please advise us if you are planning to bring any specialist items e.g. bouncy castle with generator.

Fire Instruction Summary: **Evacuate the building and dial 999 Emergency**

HOUSEKEEPING

Please do not put anything on the walls – use the boards provided.

Please leave our site as you would wish to find it. Groups must complete the check out list of cleaning duties in order to return our property in a clean and tidy condition, ready for the next user.

Please check all bins prior to departure of site, all rubbish must be removed.

CENTRE LOG BOOKS

Please record any incidents, near misses, breakages, damage & any other comments about your stay that may be of use to others.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO BRING?

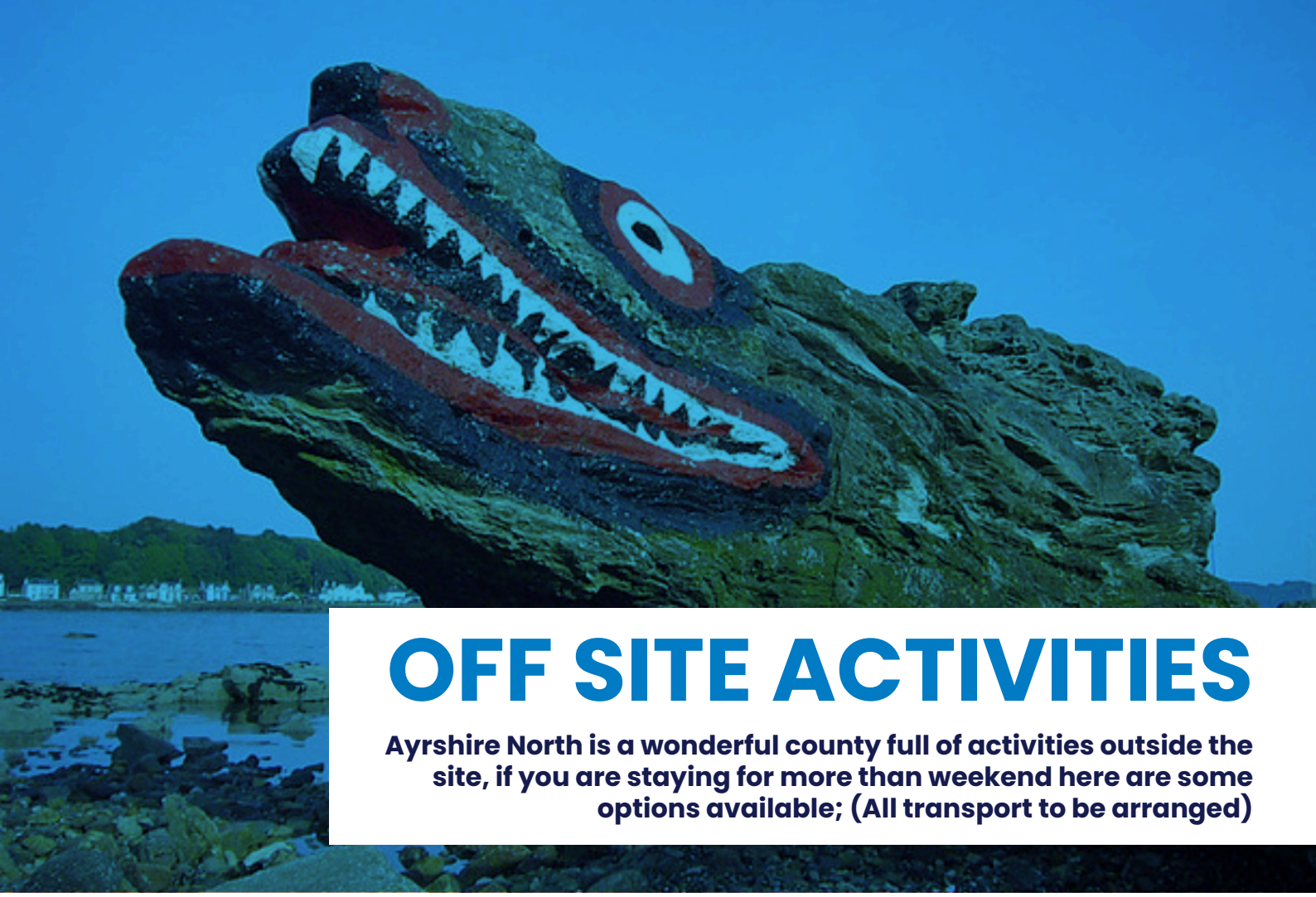
We would suggest you bring the following:

- Checkout list (Downloadable from the website Badger Hall | Chalet & Wigwams
- First aid equipment
- Toilet rolls and non-antibacterial handwash
- Dish towels, dish cloths, oven gloves, sponges
- Food storage containers
- Hand towels for kitchen(s) and washrooms
- Swing bin liners, rubbish sacks, small bin bags for sanitary bins
- Torches & Spare Batteries
- All Bedding (sleeping bags, pillows and pillowcases)
- Tents and accessories (If using site for camping)









OFF SITE ACTIVITIES

Ayrshire North is a wonderful county full of activities outside the site, if you are staying for more than weekend here are some options available; (All transport to be arranged)



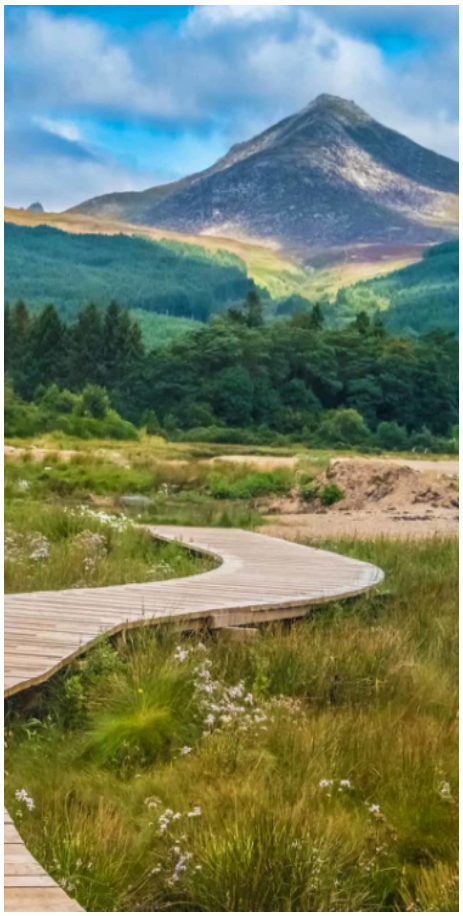
Castle Semple Watersports Centre

Website Link



RSPB Lochwinnoch

Website Link



Isle Of Arran / Isle of Cumbrae

Ferry Website Link

EMERGENCY CONTACTS



POLICE

Non- Emergency

Kilbirnie Police Station,
19 School Wynd, Kilbirnie KA25 7AY

Tel: 101



MEDICAL

NHS24 for out of hours Doctor or Dentist

Dalry Medical Practice,
50 Vennel Street, Dalry KA24 4AF

Tel: 111

Tel: 01294 832 523



HOSPITALS WITH A&E

Crosshouse Hospital

Kilmarnock Road
Crosshouse
KA2 0BE

Tel: 01563 521 133

Royal Alexandria Hospital

Corsebar Road
Paisley
PA2 9PN

Tel: 0141 314 6195

BOOKING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. A provisional booking made via our website will receive an invoice which the deposit must be paid within 7 days.
2. Bookings will only be confirmed when a completed booking form and relevant deposit have been received. Deposits are non-refundable in all cases.
3. Invoices are required to be settled no later than 28 days prior to arrival date.
4. Cancellations within 28 days of the arrival date will be charged at 50% of the total amount due, within 14 days will be charged at 75% and in full (100%) if within 7 days.
5. Groups other than Girlguiding or Trefoil members must ensure they have adequate public liability insurance during their stay. Bookings will not be accepted without completion of a Hirer's Agreement & documentary evidence of insurance cover.
6. The times booked should be adhered to or further charges will be applied.
7. Guests are responsible for their own property whilst on the premises.
8. Smoking (including e-cigarettes) is prohibited on the entire site.
9. No dogs (except assistance dogs) are allowed on site.
10. Groups are responsible for the cost of any damage they may cause.
11. Groups should be respectful of our neighbours when on site.
12. Groups will be provided with a check out list of cleaning duties required to return our property in a clean & tidy condition, ready for the next user. The security deposit will only be returned if the property is left in an acceptable condition.
13. Groups are responsible for familiarising themselves with the fire & safety procedures on site.
14. We reserve the right to cancel a booking should the need arise. All monies paid to Blair Activity Centre in respect of the booking will be refunded in full unless the booking was terminated due to the group failing to meet the Booking Conditions.
15. These Terms & Conditions are subject to change; groups will be advised in writing of any changes.

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