



Ellesborough Guide Centre

Information for House and Camp Site January 2026

Ellesborough Guide Centre
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Aylesbury, Bucks. HP17 0UP

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Welcome to Ellesborough Guide Centre

Situated in the heart of Buckinghamshire and a little more than one hour's drive from any part of the county, at the foot of Coombe Hill, access to which is available from the camp site. The House was a 19th century school building and is set in grounds of nearly two acres. The Centre was formerly part of the Chequers Estate but is now owned by Girlguiding Buckinghamshire who has run it for holidays, camping and trainings since 1971. It is self-financing and is managed and maintained by a small volunteer committee.

Ellesborough Guide Centre was extensively refurbished in 2025 to provide updated and extended facilities.

For information, availability and booking, see the Ellesborough website:

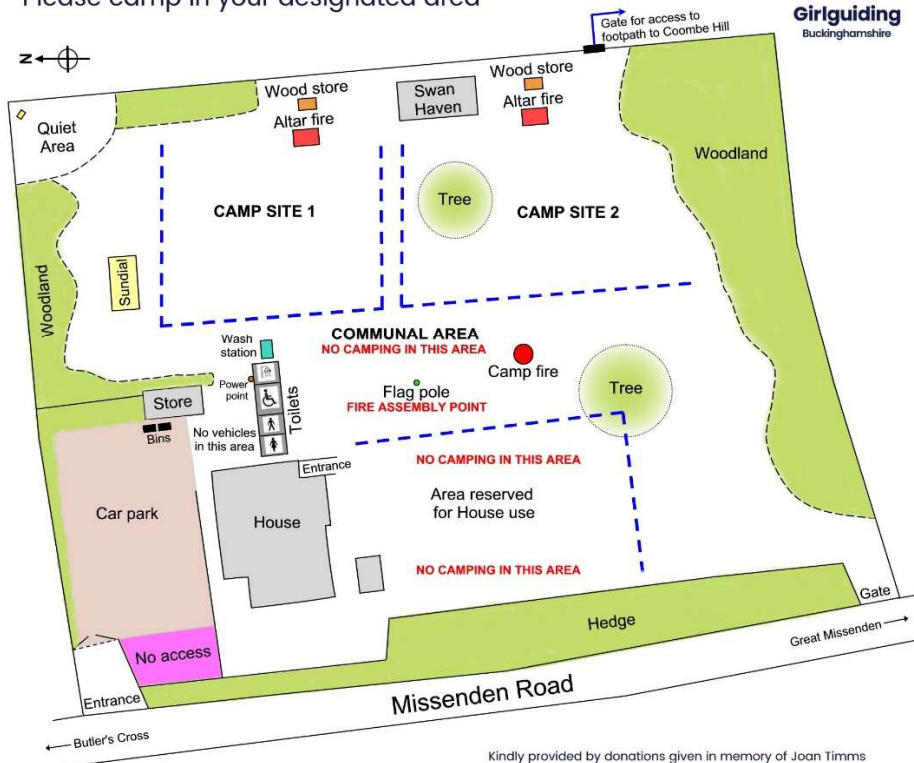
<https://girlguidingbucks.org.uk/ellesborough-guide-centre/>

Please ensure that you have read the Terms and Conditions on the website. If you require a hard copy or have any questions, please email the Booking Secretary:

Ellesboroughbookings@girlguidingbucks.org.uk

Welcome to Ellesborough Guide Centre

Please camp in your designated area



Supplementary Information

Changes and developments at the Centre take place continually – do not assume that everything is the same as on your previous visit.

Visitors must provide all their own consumable materials and remove them all on departure.

Souvenirs are for sale in the House. If camping, please consult with the House user for access to souvenirs or request when booking the campsite.

Outdoor Play Equipment is stored in the Camp Store and the key is hanging in the kitchen for House users and in Toilet No 1 for campers. (Details at back of this booklet).

Indoor Play Equipment is available in a box under the stairs and should remain indoors and returned to the box after use.

The Quiet Corner in the top left corner of the camping grounds is for use by all at the Centre – please do not camp too close.

Coombe Hill is accessible via a gate to the right-hand side of Swan Haven. Please close the gate, keep strictly to the path walking quietly, turn right to go past the sheds and this track will lead you to the public footpath to ascend Coombe Hill.

Security Lights are self-actuating and positioned around the House, including around the house, car park, camp store, wash station and Swan Haven.

Arriving and Leaving. Please take care when entering or leaving the site as traffic is fast and vision is restricted. A-boards are available in the Camp Store to put on the opposite side of the road for arrival and departure. Hi-Viz vests are available in the porch for use by marshals.

DO NOT LEAVE BOARDS OUTSIDE ONCE THE CARS HAVE LEFT.

Essential Information for a Successful Visit

Accessibility. The downstairs of the house is wheelchair accessible including the toilet in the porch. An accessible wet room is available in the outside toilet block.

Accommodation. The building sleeps a maximum of 31 people in five bunk rooms.

Location	Room name	No. beds	No. bunks	Sleeping spaces
Downstairs leaders' room	Leprechauns	2	1	4
Downstairs bunk room	Sprites	0	5	10
Upstairs leaders' room	Imps	3	0	3
Upstairs large bunk room	Elves	2	3	8
Upstairs small bunk room	Pixies	0	3	6

Badges. A list is sent with booking confirmation and badges are available to buy either ordering before you arrive or from the souvenir cabinet.

Cleaning. The house should be left clean, carpets vacuumed, floors mopped, bathrooms and kitchen cleaned, bins emptied.

Emergency numbers for the Ellesborough management team are displayed on several notice boards.

Dogs are NOT permitted anywhere on our site except for assistance dogs.

Fire drill should be held on arrival. All fire procedures are found next to the fire alarm panel along with key for fire alarm panel.

Fire exits must not be blocked. The two emergency fire exits can be alarmed by leaders to detect unauthorised use.

First Aid should be provided by the hirer.

Furniture must be left where you found it and not used outside. Tables and chairs must be stacked on their trolleys and the safety strap applied. Bunks and beds must not be moved.

Gates should be kept closed when in residence, particularly at night.

Heating instructions are in the house folder. The heating control is by the kitchen door, accessed by key on the kitchen key rack.

Information regarding the house and the Fire Safety log file are in the dining room on the unit by the kitchen door.

Key Safe numbers will be provided for the front door before your arrival. A key rack in the kitchen has all other keys that you may need. Please ensure that all keys are returned.

Kitchen is fully equipped with cooker, microwave, kettles and dishwasher. All must be left clean and empty.

Locking up. Please ensure all doors and windows are locked when vacating the property. Keys are on the kitchen key rack.

Neighbours. Please be respectful of the neighbours.

Outdoor games are available in the camp store.

Projector and screen. Instructions are provided with the cables on the wall by the projector and screen controls.

Rubbish should be removed from all bins and put in the waste and recycling containers in the car park.

Security. GG Bucks accepts no responsibility for loss or damage of personal property. Please make sure vehicles are locked and a name and contact number are available in each car.

Souvenirs are for sale in the cabinet by the projector controls.

Telephone is provided for emergency use, located on the souvenir's cupboard.

Toilets are located upstairs and downstairs. Toilet paper is provided, and all toilets should be flushed on leaving.

Wi-Fi code is shown on notice boards.

Remember to complete the check list and comments form before leaving.

Hospitals Stoke Mandeville, Mandeville Road, Aylesbury
24 hr A&E, Tel: 01296 315000

Doctor Health Centre, Aylesbury Road, Wendover
Tel: 01296 320384

It is not necessary to inform Doctor of your stay; patients will be treated, as necessary. Remember advice can be obtained by telephoning 111.

CAMP SITE

The Centre offers two adjacent camp sites, each accommodating up to 30 campers. Groups of less than 30 should use one campsite and not both.

Campers should restrict their tents to the campsite area booked, as designated on the attached map, which is also available on the wall on entering the campsite. This is necessary as more than one group could be on the site at the same time.

Users of both sites share the toilet block and other wash facilities. These comprise:

- Two toilet rooms (pale blue and yellow doors), each with two toilets and wash hand basin. The toilets can be designated as male or female by the sliding signs on the doors.
- Shower room with two showers and two wash hand basins (dark blue door).
- A fully accessible wet room with toilet, wash hand basin and shower for disabled persons and adults only (red door).
- External four-person wash station.

The site is not on main drainage so please use the toilet paper supplied economically. Spare toilet rolls are in the wet room. Sanitary products should only be placed in the sani bins using the bags provided.

Each camp site has a permanent open cooking fireplace and a log store. Please bring your own wood although some may be

available in the stores and fallen wood can be collected from around the site.

Please ensure that hot pans/kettles are not placed directly onto the grass as this results in unsightly scorch marks.

The wet weather shelter (Swan Haven), campfire site and flagpole are for the use of both camp sites on a shared basis. If a 'Pack Holiday Under Canvas' is on the field, it will have exclusive use of Swan Haven in which event a shelter tent will be available for other campers at no extra charge.

Campers should bring their own equipment although some limited cooking equipment may be available; please enquire in advance for availability.

Keys for the Campsite are kept in Toilet 1 (pale blue door) and the key to Toilet 1 is in a key safe next to the door. The code will be given at the time of the invoice balance being paid. The keys inside Toilet 1 unlock the other toilets, wet room, shower room, Camp Store, Swan Haven and the bottom gateway.

A fridge and a freezer are provided in the Camp Store. Please ensure that these are emptied and cleaned on departure.

Emergency contacts and Wi-Fi code are posted in the wet room.

Attention to the following will assist in the running of the site.

- Empty the waste bins from the toilets and shower room (not the sani bins which are emptied under contract).

- All rubbish must be sorted and placed the correct container located on the car park as general waste (including glass) and recyclable materials.
- Sweep and leave clean the altar fireplaces and the campfire circle. Ash may be placed around the hedge and unused wood returned to the wood stores.
- Ensure the field is completely clear of rubbish, including tent pegs and gadgets before you leave, and that Swan Haven is swept clean. A surcharge of £50 will be made for any items left on the field that could damage to the mower.
- Ensure that the toilets are flushed and cleaned, wash basins cleaned, bins emptied, floors brushed and mopped (cleaning equipment is provided in the wet room).
- Ensure that the toilets, Swan Haven and the Camp Store are locked with the keys returned to Toilet 1, and the Toilet 1 key returned to the key safe.
- It is the responsibility of the **Leader in Charge** to ensure that the site and equipment are left in a good and clean condition. Any equipment or games from the Camp Store must be returned to their original positions.
- Under exceptional circumstances, requests for leaving wet tentage may be made through the Booking Secretary but the Centre cannot accept any liability for any equipment left on the site.

OUTDOOR GAMES EQUIPMENT

(located in the Camp Store)

Below is a list of Games Equipment that is available for use outside on the field. The equipment should be returned to its appropriate box and location in a clean and dry condition after use. If anything is missing, lost or broken, please email the Booking Secretary to enable repairs or replacements to be actioned.

Please Note: The inflatables are not inflated and take some time to do so. There is one small pump but access to an electric or several hand pumps would be desirable.

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| ❖ Giant Jenga | ❖ Giant Connect4 |
| ❖ Giant Snakes & Ladders | ❖ Giant Ludo |
| ❖ Skipping Ropes | ❖ 13 Balance Peddles |
| ❖ Balance Bricks & Pots | ❖ Giant Dominos |
| ❖ Giant Set Skittles x 2 | ❖ Velcro Target |
| ❖ Euro Hockey | ❖ Box of Small Balls |
| ❖ 2 Boxes big Balls | ❖ Parachute |
| ❖ Tennis & Badminton Rackets | ❖ Hula Hoops |
| ❖ Inflatable Footballs & Dice | ❖ Space Hoppers |

PLACES OF INTEREST

Tourist Information

The Clock Tower, High St Wendover HP22 6DU, 01296 696759

<https://www.welcometowendover.co.uk/visitor-information>

Bekonscot Model Village, Beaconsfield, Tel: 01494 672919

<http://www.bekonscot.co.uk> (mid-February to end October)

Bernwood Butterfly Trail, Near Oakley (Grid Ref 611117)

<https://www.forestryengland.uk/bernwood-forest/walking-bernwood-forest>

Mead Open Farm, Billington, Tel: 01525 852954

(open all year) <http://www.meadopenfarm.co.uk/>

The Bucks Goat Centre, Stoke Mandeville, Tel: 01296 612983

<https://www.thebucksgoatcentre.website/>

The Hellfire Caves, West Wycombe, Tel: 01494 533739

<https://www.hellfirecaves.co.uk/>

Hogshaw Farm and Wildlife Park, Hogshaw, Tel: 01296 670444

<https://hogshawfarm.co.uk/>

MUSEUMS

Buckinghamshire Railway Centre, Quainton, Tel: 01296 655 720.

<http://bucksrailcentre.org/>

(Sundays – Easter to October, plus Wed June – August)

Wycombe Museum, High Wycombe, Tel: 01494 957210

www.wycombe.gov.uk/museum

Chiltern Open Air Museum, Chalfont St Giles, (Buildings through the ages – working Victorian farm) Tel: 01494 871117 (April – end October) www.coam.org.uk

Road Dahl Museum, Great Missenden, Tel: 01494 892192

www.roalddahlmuseum.org

Natural History Museum, Tring, Tel: 020 7942 6171

www.nhm.ac.uk/visit/tring.html

SWIMMING POOLS

Chiltern Lifestyle Centre, Amersham, (Bubble Pool etc. Indoor)

Tel: 01494 788900

<https://www.everyoneactive.com/centre/chilterns-lifestyle-centre/>

Aqua Vale Swimming & Fitness Centre, Aylesbury, Tel: 01296 480201. <https://www.buckinghamshireleisure.com/aqua-vale-swimming-fitness-centre/>

Stoke Mandeville Stadium, Aylesbury, Tel: 01296 484848

www.stokemandevillestadium.co.uk

Wycombe Leisure Centre, High Wycombe, Tel: 01494 688100

<https://www.placesleisure.org/centres/wycombe-leisure-centre/>

Risborough Springs, Princes Risborough Tel: 01844 274200

<https://www.placesleisure.org/centres/risborough-springs-swim-and-fitness-centre/>

SHOPS

Supermarkets: Sweeney's, Wendover Tel: 01296 625864

Tesco Express, Tring Rd, Wendover

Tesco / M&S in Princes Risborough

Tesco / Morrison's / Sainsbury's in Aylesbury
(most supermarkets will deliver to the site).

Farm Shop: Buckmore End Farm Shop and Café is just up the road. Tel: 01296 624425,

info@buckmoorendfarm.co.uk

<https://buckmoorendfarm.co.uk/>