



BARRWOOD RULES AND INFORMATION 2018

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The rules and information apply equally to everyone. They must be explained to all who will be using the Barrwood for camping or taking part in activities.

Reference to P.O.R. of The Scout Association should be made in relation to 'Nights Away' and 'Activities'.

THE LAW OF THE CAMP IS THE SCOUT LAW

BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACTIVITIES AND CAMPING

Booking Forms can be downloaded from the web site www.barrwood.frscouts.org.uk

Completed forms should be e-mailed to booking@barrwood.org.uk

Applications to hold an activity/camp must be made at least seven days in advance; 6 weeks for an 'Event'.

An 'Event' is a camp of 3 nights or more, an activity for more than 50 people, or an activity attracting more than 30 vehicles.

NIGHTS AWAY AUTHORISATION

Groups camping must have at least 2 adults present at all times during their stay at Barrwood. One of those adults must have a 'Nights Away Authorisation', 'Greenfield' for November to March, and 'Campsite' for April until October. This Authorisation will be checked with the Home DC.

Permission to camp will be refused if the Duty Warden is not satisfied that an Authorisation is valid.

A group of Explorer Scouts camping on their own must have a valid 'Passport' for their camp.

Appropriate uniform should be worn on journeys to and from the camp.

The Booking Secretary will **allocate Camp Sites** or Activity areas, if you wish to utilise a specific area you must request this in your application.

April–October: Contact **Duty Warden** on arrival, either in person or by phone, their number will be displayed at **car park**. Outside this period arrangements should be made directly with the booking secretary.

Before departure: Groups must report to the Duty Warden who will inspect their campsite.

Trees must not be defaced with axe, knife or saw. Trees may not be cut down.

Chainsaw use is restricted - **each proposed occasion** of use must be authorised in advance by The Trust.

Mechanised vehicles are not allowed on site. If one is thought to be required, permission must be sought from The Trust, in advance of proposed use.

Fires must be sited on recognised rock outcrops, shown on map. Care must be taken to ensure fires are totally extinguished, ashes disposed of safely when cool, and the area swept and tidied before leaving camp.

Take all rubbish home, as there is no rubbish uplift. Leave no litter.

Water, when available (normally April-November), must be taken from the tap supply.

Swimming is not allowed in the reservoir. Water activities require the agreement of the Duty Warden.

Alcohol and illegal substances are prohibited at all times at Barrwood.

Anyone in contravention of Scouting 'Substance' Rules will be reported to their DC.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE BARRWOOD

BARRWOOD TRUST

The Barrwood is run by a Trust. Its aim is to maintain the Barrwood as a quality centre of active, outdoor Scouting, a place where conditions are such that the Chief Scout could walk in at any moment and be satisfied that "Good Scouting" is in action.

CAMPSITE ALTERATIONS

Scout Groups and individuals using the Barrwood are reminded that tree-planting, alterations to camping areas or the installation of any permanent structures e.g. bird or bat boxes, plaques etc., is only possible following consultation with and explicit permission of the Trustees. Contact Avril Robertson.

HISTORY

The Barrwood is a permanent camping site for Scouts and has been in use since 1922. It was originally owned by Sir Ian Bolton, former County Commissioner of Stirlingshire who gifted it as a training ground for local Scouting and set up the Barrwood Trust to administer it. The campsite occupies a total of some 93 acres and the wall around the wood marks the boundary.

LOCATION

The camp site lies about 2 miles north of Denny at NS 795870 on O.S. Sheet 57 and can be reached by leaving the A872 Denny – Stirling Road and following the minor road signposted 'Northfield'. Pass under the M80, turn right, and proceed until faced by a gate at NS 797859. This gate is padlocked and the code to open it will be supplied if necessary when booking. Cars should be parked in the car park.

The 'Turning Circles' should not be used for car parking, but trailers can be left there over a weekend.

DUTY WARDEN

Each weekend during the period from April to October, there is a Duty Warden who is responsible for the running of the camp, and from whom all Scouts and Leaders will take instructions. They should greet you as you arrive at the Barrwood, but if not, a Mobile contact number is displayed at the Car Park and Barn.

CHARGES

There are no camping charges for Scouts from **Forth Region**, but all Scouts are expected to do some small task for the site, by way of rent. Jobs to be done will be allocated by the Duty Warden.

Groups from **outwith Forth Region Scouts** will be charged, the current rate is found on the web site. The charges for the year will be reviewed and then posted in January of each year.

Forth Region Groups identified as camping **without pre-booking** will be subject to the **same rate of charge, as those from outwith The Region**. Should the charge remain unpaid or camping without permission repeated then there may be suspension from using the Barrwood for a period of time.

Booking for exclusive use of the Sir Ian Bolton Barn (including the Bouldering Wall), Archery Range, Caving Complex or the Reservoir will incur a booking fee, the current rates can be found on the web site.

HYGIENE

It is the responsibility of all campers and users to keep the Barrwood clean and tidy.

Leave no litter; carefully remove any broken glass.

Grease traps/wet pits should be small and sited away from paths and tent areas.

Pits for rubbish must not be dug.

All rubbish and bottles must be taken home as there is no waste removal service from the site.

VISITORS Parents and friends are invited to visit Scouts in camp on a designated day in June. At all other times, visitors should be discouraged from walking unaccompanied through the wood.

WATER

Water taps are located at the following places:

- (a) near the main gate on the right
- (b) beside the caving complex
- (c) below the turning circle at the Barn
- (d) in the Great Divide
- (e) new taps are to be sited near the 'ice boulder' for the 2018 season

Taps are for the filling of water carriers. Personal washing should be done at the washing pools below the reservoir dam or at your campsite. Pots, plates, cutlery etc. should be washed at your campsite.

From November to March water may not be available on site and will have to be brought with you.

TOILETS

Unisex Composting Toilets are available at the 'Great Divide' beyond the Barn, and on 'The Great North Road' beyond the steps from the car park. For the 2018 season a new composting toilet will be available sited near to the ice boulder.

'Earth Toilets' for female use are found between the camp fire circle and the Coronation Plantation on the right of the main pathway. A second toilet is positioned above the west end of the Reservoir.

Male Urinals are available near the Barn, near the Caving Complex and near the Composting Toilets. Please encourage male campers to use the urinals where appropriate.

Chemical Toilets may be used, but all waste **must be taken away** from the Barrwood.

Bolton Barn Toilets are for the use of those who have booked the Barn; however, they may be accessed by campers via the back door. These toilets cannot be used November- March, or at other times when the water is turned off.

FIREWOOD

There is ample supply of firewood from fallen branches and trees lying on the ground within the camp boundary. Standing trees must not be cut down or defaced. Bringing wood to Barrwood is not permitted.

FIRE

Fire is potentially a great hazard to the Barrwood because of the risk of underground fires. Cooking fires should only be lit on existing rocky outcrops. The use of altar fires is not usually permitted, but if used must be placed on existing rocky outcrops. Altar fires should not be left in the Barrwood.

Ashes, when cold, should be scattered in bracken areas or rough ground and not used to fill in grease pits.

Anyone discovering fire elsewhere in the woods should immediately raise the alarm.

EMERGENCIES AND FIRST AID

Campers are responsible for making their own arrangements for First Aid.

In the absence of a mobile telephone the nearest telephone is at Northfield Farm which is the farm on the left when you pass under the motorway on your approach to the Barrwood.

EVENTS

All prospective major events must be discussed with Booking Secretary or Campsite Operations Group, before application. **An Event Checklist** which will include construction, execution, dismantling and removal arrangements for the event **must be completed 6 weeks prior to the event. An 'Event' is a camp for 3 nights or more, of 50 participants or more, or is likely to attract more than 30 cars.**

KEY SAFES and **PADLOCKS** The codes for these must not be given to youth members; they are for the Leaders in charge of Groups. For security purposes they should not be widely shared.

EQUIPMENT borrowed must be looked after and returned to the correct storage place.

CYCLING is not allowed within the Barrwood.

Wayfaring & Orienteering MAPS can be printed from the website.

SIR IAN BOLTON BARN

This indoor activity facility was opened in September 2005.

USE OF THE BARN

1. The Barn is available all the year round and may be booked for exclusive use by groups from any section. Booking the Barn does not give exclusive use of the toilets. Prior booking is essential – see ‘Booking Arrangements’.
Please note that the Barn does not provide overnight accommodation and cannot therefore be booked for this purpose.
2. The Barn is available for general use by campers during weekends when it is not booked for exclusive use of others. Non-booked use of the Barn is at the discretion of the Duty Warden.
3. Youth members have priority access at all times when seeking sanctuary in the face of adverse weather conditions even if the Barn has been booked for exclusive use.
4. The Leaders’ room is only available for use when the Duty Warden is not in residence.
5. It is the responsibility of the user group to leave the facility in a clean and tidy condition.
6. The generator should only be started by a Duty Warden or other person trained in the task. This avoids the risk of damage to the generator. Use of the generator should be booked in advance. There will be a charge for diesel used.
7. The bouldering wall must only be used under authorised supervision and with all the relevant safety equipment and crash mats fully in use.
8. Users are responsible for any breakages or damage occurring during their period of use. They must be reported to the Duty Warden, Booking Secretary or Campsite Operations Group as soon as possible. A repair/replacement charge may be made at the discretion of the Barrwood Trust.
9. The electrics and plumbing in the Barn must not be altered at any time, unless pre-authorised to do so.

BOOKING THE BARN FOR EXCLUSIVE USE

This must be done using the ‘Booking Arrangements’. The Barn is bookable in three 4-hour sessions between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.; the current charges for booking can be found on the web site.

Payment of these **charges must be made in advance** with your booking.

Information on the availability of the Barn Key will be provided with the confirmation of the booking.

The Barrwood Booking Secretary (Avril Robertson) who can be contacted via the Booking email address booking@barrwood.org.uk

