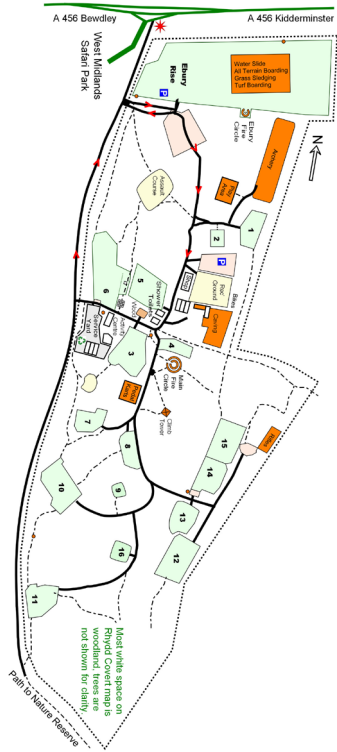




## Brochure



## The Site



## Our History

In June 1977 the family of Major & Mrs Harcourt-Webb donated the woodland, which forms the main area of the campsite, to Kidderminster Scouts in memory of the couple & their son. However it had been used by scouts as a meeting place, training facility & camp ground since the early 1940s.

In 1983 the land, which now forms sites 12, 13, 14 & 15, was bought from a neighbour and then in 1994 the large field near the entrance, now known as Ebury Rise, was added.

Most recently, following an arson attack in 2004 which destroyed its Nissen Hut predecessor, our local newspaper launched a public appeal entitled Operation Covert to raise funds to replace the facility. We opened our Activity Centre in summer 2006.

Rhydd Covert is run by volunteers and owned by Kidderminster District Scout Council.

The site is set in 45 acres of unspoilt woodland and grassland areas, which fall naturally into individual sites of varying sizes. Each site has a central grassed area surrounded by trees & undergrowth affording a certain amount of privacy and generally shielding campsites from each other.

All sites are within easy reach of a water supply. There are sites that are centrally located, and some that are further away from the amenities.

Rhydd Covert has areas of sandstone rock, heather & fern and is home to squirrels, rabbits, various birds and other animals. We also hear strange noises from our neighbours in the Safari Park!

## Site Rules

**On Arrival** – The site has a one-way system in operation – all drivers are asked to follow this and keep to the site speed limit of 5mph. Designated parking places are available at each site, please ensure that all other vehicles once unloaded are parked in the main car park. Please ensure that all gates & access routes to are kept clear at all times.

**Accidents** – All accidents must be reported to the Warden or a member of the Service Team.

**Altar Fires** – The site has a quantity of altar fires available for campers – these should be used on non-grassed areas or at the edge of grassed areas only.

**Axes & saws** – Are only to be used in designated chopping areas and must not be taken off sites.

**Camp Ovens** – Certain backwoods fires can be built & used in designated areas of the site, prior booking with the Warden is advised.

**Dogs** – Campers & visitors may bring dogs only on the understanding that they are kept under control at all times – any fouling must be removed.

**Fire Equipment** – Groups should bring with them (& make available to everyone on their site) suitable & sufficient fire safety equipment, that is felt necessary for the type of camp & number of participants.



## Site Rules

**Ground Fires** – Most sites have designated ground fires on site which, but if unsure check when booking.

**Lights Out** – At 11pm – Please ensure that noise is kept to a minimum after this time.

**Recycling** – We have containers on site for collecting glass (jars & bottles), plastics & cans for recycling – these are located in the service team area. Please ensure that all items deposited for recycling have been washed & that cans are “un-burnt” & preferably squashed.

**Trees** – Please do not damage our trees, or cut any part for timber. Fallen timber may be taken.

**Waste Disposal** – Campers are encouraged to burn all their rubbish. All ashes to be placed next to the bins, which are in the service area (no embers)

**Wet Pits** – Above ground types only permitted – No holes to be dug or turf to be cut.

**On Departure** – Your site/s will be inspected before your departure, please leave the site/s as you would wish to find them. All unused wood must be returned to the woodpile & altar fires to the designated area. Deposits will be returned when the Duty Warden has inspected (and is happy with) your site.

## The Service Team & Warden

The Warden & Service Team Members are all volunteers. During the winter there may only be someone “on-duty” on-site at certain times during the weekend. During the summer there will be someone there more frequently than the winter.

From the end of March to the end of August there will be someone contactable by phone – details will be available on site for the weekend.

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## General Information

**Lost Property** – Please hand in any property you find, and report any property you lose, to the Service Team. After 2 months any unclaimed property may be disposed of or sold & any proceeds placed into Rhydd Covert funds.

**Site Security** – Groups are strongly advised to ensure that someone remains on their campsite at all times to ensure the security of their equipment.

**Planning ahead** – Organisers of camps or events, large or small, are welcome to visit the site to discuss their requirements with the Warden or a member of the Service Team. A call in advance of your visit is appreciated as the team are volunteers and only on site at certain times.





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**Site 1.** Stormy Peak. Sheltered woodland site near the entrance to Rhydd Covert. A quiet site close to Archery Range and Ebury Rise.

**Site 2.** Lower Stormy Peak. Near the entrance to Rhydd Covert. This site is a smaller site close to but detached from Site 1.

**Site 3.** Central Point. Large site right in the heart of Rhydd Covert. Very close to all amenities.

**Site 4.** Camp Fire. Medium to Large site that slopes up alongside the Camp Fire Circle. This site is very central.

**Site 5.** Five Firs. Medium to Large site. Situated close to the toilet and shower facilities and opposite the recreation ground and shop.

**Site 6.** Chapel. Large open site surrounded by trees with a gentle slope. Opposite the activity centre.

**Site 7.** Shady Birches. Medium sized site, surrounded by trees with a number of Silver Birch trees on the site itself.

**Site 8.** Silver Bank. Medium site, sloping, long and narrow. Running alongside the track to our upper sites.

**Site 9.** The Grove. Small quiet and compact site. Ideal as an overflow for site 10 or for a large patrol camp.

**Site 10.** Windy Ridge. Large site. Flat with just the one far end dipping into a slope. A quiet site, out of the way.

**Site 11.** Safari View. A very quiet site, tap is fairly handy. Well situated for exploring the nature reserve. Next to lane which is a public right of way.

**Site 12.** Tip Top Meadow. Medium to small site. Quiet and out of the way, close to tap. Can be joined with Site 13 for a larger camp.

**Site 13.** High Oaks. A Smaller site close to the tap, away from the centre of activities. Can be joined with site 12 to make a larger site.

**Site 14.** Chestnut Levels. A medium to large site with a tap almost on site. Ideal quiet out of the way site. Can be joined with site 15 for a larger camp.

**Site 15.** Range View. A medium to large site adjoining the Rifle Range. Ideal quiet out of the way site. Can be joined with site 14 for a larger camp.

**Site 16.** Game Keepers. A small to medium site. Suitable for back to basics.

**Ebury Rise.** This is a very large semi terraced site on the entrance to Rhydd Covert. It has its own Camp Fire Circle & tap.



## Activities

At Rhydd Covert we work with qualified instructors who specialise in a wide variety of adventurous activities – through them we are able to provide Instructors for the activities such as Climbing & Abseiling which we offer on-site at Rhydd, as well as other activities off-site too.

**All Terrain Boarding** – A cross between snowboarding and skateboarding.

**Archery** – The site's Archery Range complies with all the rules of the Scout & Guide Associations. We have our own equipment, which is suitable for all age groups.

**Assault Course** – The basic elements of this activity are permanently set up in an area of woods on the site – additional elements ~ nets, ladders, ropes, etc, ~ will be added to this when the course is booked.

**Caving** – Homemade caving system to create a challenging experience for the Cubs/Brownies and above age groups.

**Climbing Wall & Abseil Tower** – Our tower stands 42 foot high in its own compound. The climbing wall is fitted with colour coded routes to suit all abilities.

**Grass Sledging** – Have fun Tobogganing on our special sledges down Ebury Rise.

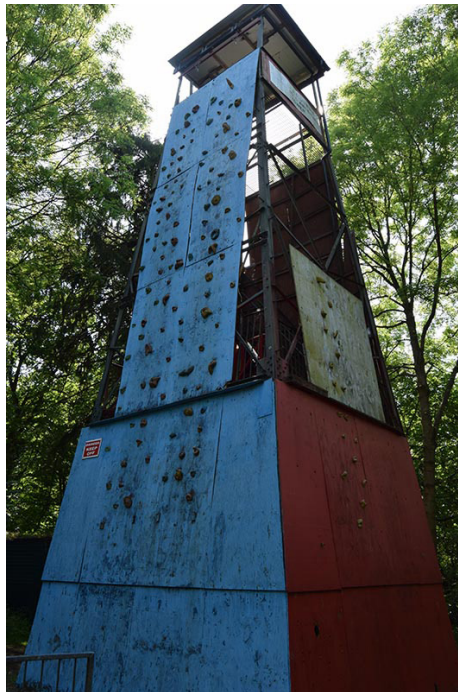
**Orienteering** – A permanently marked course is laid out on the site and maps are available from the site office.

**Pedal Karts** – See who can pedal the fastest with our Pedal Karts.

**Rifle Shooting** – Our Shooting Range complies with all the rules & regulations of the Scout & Guide Associations. We have our own equipment please do not bring your own guns onto the site.

**Turf Boarding** – A cross between a skateboard and a grass sledge.

**Water Slide** – Giant slide of water.



## Activity Notes

Working with our neighbours West Midlands Safari Park, we are pleased to tell you that while camping with us you can get a discount to the park. See the website for more details on the deal.

**Instructors** – All Instructors provided by Rhydd to supervise or lead an adventurous activity session for “Groups” will hold the appropriate qualification for the booked activity as required in PO&R. They are also all volunteers with limited availability.

Groups who wish to use their own instructors to run an activity session must provide proof of their qualifications to the Warden prior to the session taking place.

**Misbehaviour** – during any activity will not be tolerated and the Instructor has the right to withhold instruction to the Group. It is the Groups responsibility to supervise & occupy young people who are not actively involved in the "booked" activity.

**Bookings** – Must be made via the Bookings Manager at least two weeks before your visit/camp to enable us to find instructors for your activity to take place, bookings received after this time will be accepted, but we cannot guarantee we will be able to find instructors on short notice.

**Weather** - All activities are subject to weather conditions, if the instructor declares the weather to be unsuitable for your activity we will try to re-schedule as best we can.

## Facilities

We have many facilities that are available to use or hire on site, to get more details on these email us or visit our website - [www.rhyddcovert.org.uk](http://www.rhyddcovert.org.uk)

**Activity Centre** - A modern building with lots of floor space, a good sized central hall & a number of smaller rooms off. It has a kitchen equipped with appliances but own pots, pans and eating equipment will need to be provided by yourselves & its own toilet facilities. This building comes with an adjacent lawn (immediately outside the main doors) this area is not for camping. Sites Six and three are close by if required.

**Toilet & Shower Blocks** - Both our shower and toilet blocks are situated centrally within the site.

Our toilet block is split in to 4 sections, under 18 Male and Female, over 18 Male and Female. We also have 1 disabled toilet that we issue a key for when requested.

Our Shower block is made up of 8 individual cubicles all with hot water. There are limited services during the winter period.



## Facilities

If you would like to see more information on our activities and sites and to look at our price list visit our website - [www.rhyddcovert.org.uk](http://www.rhyddcovert.org.uk)

**Recreation Area** - A large open flat(ish) area suitable for events - has lighting & a flagpole and a stage in the corner by the exit.

**Water** - There is a mains water supply to points all over the site during the High season with a restricted service during the winter months.

**Woodpile** - A good supply of fallen timber is always available on site as well as a well-stocked woodpile.

**Camp Shop** - Well stocked with Badges, Souvenirs, Gifts, Snacks and Confectionery.

**Camp Fire Circle** - Our campfire circle can approximately host around 200 people, it is located by campsite 4 and the tower. This can be booked to ensure you have it for your camp.

**Recycling** - Waste Disposal - Facilities are provided both for use on your camp site and within the Service area. Please see site Rules for details.

**Fridge Freezers** - 2 Fridge Freezers are available to store food during your stay, we would suggest that bookings are made in advance with the Bookings Manager.



## Out and About

We are ideally situated close to a number of attractions such as the ancient Wyre Forest, the historical riverside towns of Bewdley and Stourport on Severn and the Severn Valley Steam Railway, as well as being within easy striking distance of Ludlow, with its castle, and the South Shropshire Hills.

Further afield, the Black Country Museum, the Iron-bridge Gorge, the Midlands canal network, and many other nationally recognised tourist attractions, are all worth a visit.



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## Places To Visit

West Midlands Safari Park – Tel – 01299 402 114

Severn Valley Railway – Tel – 01562 757 900

Bewdley (Historic Town) Museum – Tel – 01299 403 573

Wyre Forest Visitors Centre – Tel – 01299 266 944

Wyre Forest Leisure Centre – Tel – 01562 515 151

Rifle Range Nature Reserve – Managed by Worcestershire Conservation Trust

The Worcestershire Way – access from Blackstone Picnic area, Bewdley.

Tourist Information Centre – Bewdley. Tel – 0845 607 7819

## Local information

**Places of Worship** – Churches for most faiths are located in Kidderminster or Bewdley. We have a small open-air chapel on-site for your own services & a quiet area available for your use.

**Hospitals** – the nearest is Kidderminster Hospital which has a Minor Injuries Unit only – located on the A456 in Kidderminster – on the right just after the traffic lights at the junction with the A4535 (Sutton Rd). Tel – 01562 823 424.

The nearest Accident & Emergency Dept. is at Worcester Royal Hospital – follow the signs for Worcester on the A449, the hospital is well signposted. Tel – 01905 763 333

**Doctors** – the nearest Doctors Surgery to the site – Hume Street Medical Centre, Kidderminster, DY11 6SF. Tel: 01562 822 015

**Chemists** – Cohens Chemist, Hume Street Medical Centre, Kidderminster DY11 6SF, Tel – 01562 825 999

**Fish & Chip Shops** – Sutton Road Fish & Chip Shop, Kidderminster (by the Hospital). Tel – 01562 745 619

Catchem's End Fish Bar, Bewdley.  
Tel – 01299 403 615

**Shopping** – Kidderminster boasts a wealth of supermarkets including – Co-op, Sainsburys, Tesco, Morrisons, Aldi – many of which provide ample free parking and some offer delivery to site meeting you outside the Activity Centre with your shopping.

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### Step One

Email, ring or fill in the form on the website with the requested date and site of your camp along with any activities required.

### Step Two

We will then provisionally book this for you if available and contact you in able to go onto the next step.

We aim to reply to all emails within seven days. Please give us a minimum of two weeks notice when booking your stay with us.

### Step Three

Once your booking is provisionally booked, please send a booking form and a post dated deposit cheque to confirm your booking to the Bookings Manager.

Once your booking form and deposit cheque has been received, we will email you to confirm your booking.

Please note that the availability of accommodation, activities and equipment is subject to availability. This is on a first come first served basis.

We will do our very best to meet your needs, but please remember that all our staff and instructors are volunteers and we are dependent upon their good will in order to do so.





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you with the essential information  
needed for planning of your camp  
& activity programme.

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