



Girlguiding Glasgow Napier House- Achachairdeis, Townhead of Aber, Gartocharn, Dunbartonshire G83 8NQ :

Welcome

Girlguiding Glasgow Adventure team thank you for booking our much loved accessible “Napier House” at Achachairdeis (means Field of Friendship in Gaelic). Groups of all ages can enjoy as the house provides a large dorm sleeping 18 in bunk beds and two refurbished leaders rooms” sleeping 4 and 2. Pillows are supplied. Sleeping bags and pillow slips to add to your kit list

The House has a fully equipped kitchen with new crockery, cutlery, storage boxes and cooking equipment for 24 people and a well sized “common hall” for you to hold activities and eat.

Napier House is has an accessible shower room and toilet, with wash rooms containing 2 toilets, 2 showers and 3 sinks. The House is centrally heated from an oil fired boiler. There is an immersion water heater and fire protection system.

Equipment to bring with you

Dish cloths, pan scrubbers, tea towels, inexpensive toilet paper for our septic tanks, dusters, first aid kit, washing up liquid and all cleaning materials which should be a weak solution .These will help comply with any COSHH regulations that you will have on your risk assessment. Small 7L Bio Bags, which should be compostable approved, should be brought for use in the small brown food waste bin in the kitchen.

Access

There is now a keypad on the door of the camp hut code details which will be supplied by Booking secy or one of the team listed at the end. Keys for Napier House can be obtained from the hut. There is a spare set of keys in the House which should be used over the weekend and left in the House at the end of the holiday. The keys in the guide hut should be returned to the hut after gaining entry to Napier house. Our local village shop owned by Mrs McKenzie, Lomondview Filling Station, Gartocharn has a spare set of keys that can be collected up to 1900 and returned on your way home in the event you have forgotten camp hut code.

Fire

Achachairdeis Fire procedures provided should be followed.

Activities

The campsite is a great natural environment for groups to enjoy, but there are endless possibilities for things to do. Have a look at the details of what there is to do on site and out and about in the local area. Of course, you’re also welcome to bring your own equipment on site, such as mobile abseiling, crazy golf, assault courses, hire bubble football and so on. There’s plenty of space! Just don’t forget your risk assessments. There might be other leaders on site please ask Booking secretary if you can pass your details to share costs.

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On site

We have two games garden sheds, keys located in camp hut, hanging on key rack. Sheds contain a range of equipment including

- Balls
- Base markers
- Ropes
- Giant Jenga
- Giant Connect4

We have a number of activities to encourage team work.

Secret garden- Ladywood

Napier house has its own garden with Achachairdeis its very own secret garden. Enjoy Ladywood.

On site shop

Friends of Girlguiding Glasgow West Division run a small shop on Saturdays from 1000 until 1400 in guide hut selling sweets, crisps, gifts etc. The profit raised over many years has purchased for our site ovens, black out curtains, garden equipment, kitchen equipment including fridges and freezers as well as supporting our camps and events. If you are intending to leave site please advise booking secretary who will advise leaders.

Of course, some of the best activities the campsite has to offer on it are the simplest; girls of all ages enjoy a walk to the loch and throwing stones on the pebble beach. Sorry no swimming in Loch allowed.

Campfire and marshmallows

On the campsite we have fire altars places available for open cooking, and the opportunity to hold a campfire under the stars is one not to be missed. Check with other leaders camping on site May to September for spare altar. Fire buckets and shovels are kept at the side of the camp hut for you to dispose of ashes and have water at the fire altar. Enjoy

Stargazing

Our site is an area of limited light meaning that the stars are “out of this world”
Due to the size and security of the site wide games and treasure hunts are great- even more fun with a torch at night!

Off site

- For those wanting to explore further the campsite makes an ideal base for exploring the National Park
- Why not visit Loch Lomond?
- [RSPB Loch Lomond](#) is close to site and can be contacted for activities.
- [Loch Lomond Shores](#) offers outdoor and indoor activities including canoeing, pedalos, Bird of Prey, Segway's, high ropes course.
- The [Sea Life Centre](#) @ Loch Lomond might offer you the chance to bring starfish to your event

Recycling and rubbish

As we are not on site it is important that leaders using the site help us keep the environment clean and tidy. Using the correct bins, removing recycling from plastic bags and **putting outside the gates** is a great help to us. Thank you.

Online Shopping

Tesco, Asda and Coop will deliver. Simply add to the delivery person when ordering “Townhead of Aber” in the address. This will prevent shopping going to public campsite. Note we are on the opposite side of Ross Priory.

Home delivery

If cooking is not your strong point or you want to add a bit of fun to your weekend, McDonalds is located in Balloch along with many other “catering establishments” including Chinese or fish and chips. Many offer a delivery to the site. Of course that’s only if your cook is not as proficient or you are looking to do so much that cooking takes up your time. Just remember to dispose of food and containers as environmentally friendly as you can. PS we won’t tell anyone and make sure healthy options and fresh fruit is available.

Farmers market

On Fridays until 1700 the village has farmers market. These can be delivered to campsite before you arrive.

Emergency

Napier House has emergency landline contact: 01389 830605. If no groups using the house, anyone on campsite or in solid shelters will require keys kept in camp hut which is accessed via keypad details supplied.

NHS 24

Please do not attend the out-of-hours service at Vale of Leven hospital without calling NHS 24 on 111 first. This is your fastest way to the right care in the right place.

You will be directed to the most appropriate service for your needs. The NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde out-of-hours service provides GP services to all practices in Glasgow and Clyde out-of-hours. Call NHS 24 on 111 now if you are unwell and need to talk to someone. You will get advice depending on your symptoms. This could be managing symptoms at site, or visiting your local pharmacy. You might need to see an on-call doctor or other health professional. If you need to see a doctor immediately NHS 24 will arrange this for you.

Facilities

If you have any issues on site with electrics, no heating, no water we would ask that you consider the most obvious considerations e.g check fuse box, have you turned on heating correctly (you might be surprised that sometimes even we get mixed up in the heat of a busy weekend). If the obvious does not resolve please make contact with booking secretary’s or team below.

Checkout

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One of our volunteers will be on site before your departure time to check all is in hand. The team will have travelled a distance to say goodbye so please wait on one of the team.

Going home - boo hoo

Had a fantastic time and now going home, have a safe journey. Please let us know if you had a good time and how we can improve. If you have any concerns please contact

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