



Girlguiding Glasgow Campsite Achachairdeis, Townhead of Aber, Gartocharn, Dunbartonshire G83 8NQ

Welcome

Girlguiding Glasgow thank you for camping and booking our much loved site at Achachairdeis (meaning Field of Friendship in Gaelic).

Camping and solid shelter

Once booked for camping our Booking secretary will advise a member of GGG Residential team which site you will be using. If a Solid shelter has been booked Site 1 for Fasgadh and Site 9 for Caladh will be allocated.

Toilets for those camping

Caladh has toilets and electric showers at the rear of the building via a key kept in the Keybox within Caladh. There are two sides to toilets; left hand side has one shower, 4 sinks and 4 toilets, the right hand side has 2 toilets, 3 sinks and one shower. External lighting will come on outside the toilets and once inside, however girls will need a torch to get from their tent to the toilets. Please remember to leave the toilet key!

For more information on Napier House, Solid shelters Fasgadh and Caladh and Campsite, see below

- **Napier House** - <https://www.girlguidingglasgow.org.uk/accommodation/napier-house/>
- **Fasgadh** - <https://www.girlguidingglasgow.org.uk/accommodation/fasgadh/>
- **Caladh** - <https://www.girlguidingglasgow.org.uk/accommodation/caladh/>
- **Campsite** - <https://www.girlguidingglasgow.org.uk/accommodation/camping/>

Additional Camping equipment

Extra camping equipment, including blankets in blanket boxes, can be sourced from the Camp hut using same PIN code as Caladh. When returning items we ask they are put away in a tidy manner.

Equipment to bring with you

Cleaning equipment, paper hand towels, pan scrubbers, hand soap, dishwasher tablets, washing up liquid and toilet rolls are provided in Napier House. Spare supplies are kept in cleaning cupboard in the Camp hut. You are welcome to bring your own however all cleaning materials 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, can be brought for use in the small brown food waste bin in the kitchen, although we do supply bags. If you bring any cleaning material and no longer require please add to cleaning cupboard in the Camp hut.

Inventory of Camp hut

If requested camp cooking equipment can be supplied along with hot water gas boilers and wood. Our camp equipment is colour coded and will be explained on arrival.

Note: GGG Division teams store their own equipment including Duke of Edinburgh equipment. This will be marked and we ask that this equipment is not used. Anything else in the Camp hut you are welcome to use.

Flags and Flag Poles

We have a selection of Flags in varying sizes including the World Flag for our main Flag pole in the middle of the field, that are kept in the Camp hut please do make use of Flags. We would ask that someone is allocated the task of putting Flag back in box.

Patrol sites

We have site specific to Patrol camping with costs appropriate. Patrol Camp equipment also available and available in Camp hut.

Water taps

We have four external taps; one at the Camp hut, one at the back of Caladh in the field, with a tap at the back of Site 9 between the trees. The welcome team will confirm location.

Fire Altars

If you prefer to cook on an open fire, we have a number of Fire shelters available in Camp hut.

Gas bottles

For leaders using gas hobs or requiring hot water boilers we have a secure external container for gas bottles. They are all numbered and ideally start at lowest number. The welcoming leader doing check out will ask if the gas canister you were using is empty and needs replaced.

Covid 19 secure

All entry points to our buildings have anti-bacterial stations for all to use.

Access

There is a keypad on the door of Caladh, details of which will be supplied by Booking secretary or one of the team. If camping and using Caladh it's the same access code.

CCTV

We have 24/7 coverage of our Site and buildings. You will be given instructions on turning CCTV off inside the building for the duration of your stay however this must be reinstated when you leave. Our CCTV Policy can be found on our website.

Fire

Achachairdeis Fire procedures provided should be followed with sign in book kept in Napier House. Access to Napier House using the same access code for the Camp hut.

Wood

We have a new Logstore wood pile behind the metal storage containers with logs to be moved to smaller Logstores at your allocated site. At the end of your stay, before you leave the Campsite, please put back any leftover logs back into the Logstore.

Wheelbarrows can be found inside the Camp hut for moving logs or other equipment round the Campsite and to be returned after use.

Fridges and Freezers Camping and no solid shelter.

You will be allocated a fridge and freezer to use which will either be in the Camp hut or in the hallway at Caladh; you will be advised which ones to use.

Wifi

We have Wifi within Napier House and available at the carpark. The code will be given to you as part of your joining instructions.

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 hire mobile abseiling, crazy golf, assault courses, bubble football etc; there's plenty of space! Just don't forget to include in your risk assessments. There may be other leaders on site please ask Booking secretary if you can pass your details to share costs.

On site

We have two storage containers one that contains games equipment; keys located in Camp hut, hanging on the key rack. Containers contain a range of equipment and a number of activities to encourage team work including:

- Balls
- Achachairdeis quiz
- Netball nets
- Base markers
- Ropes

- Giant Jenga
- Giant Connect4

We recently installed Butterfly trails across the campsite which we hope you will love.

Secret Garden - Ladywood

Napier House has its own garden and Achachairdeis has its very own secret garden. Enjoy Ladywood.

On site shop

Friends of Girlguiding Glasgow “West” Division run a small shop on Saturdays from 10:00 until 14:00 in the Camp hut selling sweets, crisps, gifts etc. The profit raised over many years has purchased items for our site including 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 on the Saturday and do not require the Shop please advise the Booking secretary who will notify the 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 the Loch is allowed.

Campfire and marshmallows

On the campsite we have a new Campfire circle as well as fire altars 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 April to October for a spare altar or to share Campfire circle. Logs are supplied free of charge in the Logstore, fire buckets and shovels are kept at the side of the Camp hut for you to dispose of ashes, once cooled, and have water at the fire altar/campfire. Enjoy!

Stargazing

Our site is in 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 the bins outside the gates before you leave** is a great help to us.

Note: Achachairdeis is in West Dunbartonshire Council (WDC) so it may be different from your own council. WDC does not offer a Glass recycling option so please feel free to take home to dispose of or put into grey bins. Thank you.

Online Shopping

Tesco, Asda and Co-op 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 the road to 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 09:00 until 17:00 the village has a Farmers market. Items can be delivered to the campsite before you arrive. Take a look at the [website](#) for more information or call 01389 830239 or 07909 574405 to make an order.

Emergency

Napier House has emergency landline, contact: 01389 830605. If no groups are using the house, anyone on the 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 and 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 and you will receive advice depending on the symptoms. This could be managing symptoms at site, or visiting the 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 or team below.

Checkout

If you are new to our site, or from another county, 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 them arriving.

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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