

Lakeland Outdoor Club

CLUB RULES AND INFORMATION

Affiliated to BN

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Haverigg Haws is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) as designated by Natural England. Please respect the environment and do not remove from, or bring to the site any plants or chemicals that may harm this balanced environment. The area is a breeding site for Natterjack Toads and is run on an environmental cycle as specified by Natural England in conjunction with Mr Fred Hunter and Mrs June Wegener, the landowners. The following rules and information are drawn up to maintain and endorse the mandate of Natural England. As tenants we are responsible for the continued use and enjoyment of the site for ourselves and other members of the surrounding communities.

Please read these rules carefully particularly with regard to items 1, 5 and 11

1. Camping:

A common sense approach is needed to avoid de-stabilizing the dunes or killing the vegetation root structure.

- a) Camp in the well vegetated central areas and not in the sand dune areas.
- b) Do not leave a ground sheet in the same place for more than seven nights. Lift at regular intervals to prevent the grass being blackened and killed. We recommend the use of the 'breathable' groundsheets readily available at camping and leisure outlets.
- c) Do not camp on a site that has been recently used.
- d) Do not leave caravans parked on the same pitch for more than 2 weeks.
- e) Under no circumstances are caravans to be left unattended overnight.
- f) Members are not to stay on site for indefinite periods, or stay on site and leave during the day to take up employment.
- g) Leave plenty of space between caravans and tents. Parking too close is a fire hazard.

2. Security and Access:

Members and visitors are responsible for their own equipment, and the Club accepts no liability for damage or loss of equipment.

Please keep all gates on the access track closed to prevent stock straying.

The speed limit on the track is 10 mph. This is to keep the track stable in wet and warm conditions.

The site and track area are the habitat of the Natterjack Toad a protected species.

Please be on the lookout for toads on the track especially at night to avoid any casualties.

3. Health and Safety:

Please be aware that three poisonous plants grow on site, Hemlock, Bittersweet and Spurge. Please take care that children do not chew the leaves or eat the berries. Seek immediate medical attention if you suspect they may have.

4. Toilets, Drinking Water and Rubbish:

Members and visitors, when camping should be equipped with toilet facilities. The sterilized toilet contents must be emptied and buried away from the camping area. The land between the site and the prison fence is adequate for this. We recommend the use of 'green' chemicals to protect the environment.

On no account should turf be removed from the camping area to bury toilet contents.

Facilities for emptying toilets are available to us at the Caravan and Camping Club site at the Rugby Club with whom we have an agreement.

Drinking water is also available there for members to fill up before coming on site.

Waste water should be emptied away from the camping area.

No rubbish is to be left on site when leaving. There are recycling and rubbish bins in Haverigg.

5. Dogs and Cats:

Dogs are allowed on site providing they are kept on a lead at all times near to their car/tent/caravan in the camping area, and do not cause a nuisance to other members, or are likely to worry farm stock.

Toileting and exercising should be away from the camping areas. Any excrement on the camping areas should be disposed of by the owner sensibly.

We do not encourage owners to erect fenced runs next to their units for their dogs as this can cause unnecessary damage to the turf and grass on pitches.

Cats are not allowed to roam free and should be kept close to their caravans/car/tent. This to protect the protected species whose habitat surrounds the site.

6. The Beach:

The beach adjacent to the site is not a Nourist beach but it can be used with discretion.

We ask that you take a towel or clothing to cover up, as a mark of respect, should you encounter other people on the beach. Please remember a confrontation with any locals could lead to a confrontation with the local Council which we need to avoid.

Any incidents or problems should be reported to the Officers and Committee members without delay.

Please watch out for metal stakes driven into the sand by local fishermen and make sure all flat bottomed inflatables are securely anchored.

7. Fires and Barbecues and Noise:

Fires may be lit on the beach but not on the dunes or camping area.

Barbecues are allowed preferably on stands so as not to damage the grassed areas.

Noise levels from TV radios and generators should be kept as low as is practicable to avoid annoyance to other members.

8. Footpaths adjacent to site:

A path along the prison fence crosses the north of the site and is used by locals for access to the beach.

Nudity is not permitted outside the perimeter fence, on the track or in the dunes.

There is no footpath through the site and anyone walking through the site is trespassing on private land. However there is a need for discretion and confrontation should be avoided.

Identification is needed of the parties concerned if the matter is to be taken further.

Walkers should walk along the beach or the footpath along the prison fence to gain access along the coast.

9. Visitors:

Holiday bookings should visit our website.

Anyone wishing to visit the site with a view to becoming a member should visit our website where contact details are available.

There are strict criteria to be met before membership is granted.

10. Photographs, videos and activities:

Please request permission before taking any photos or videos on site. Publication of photos and videos taken on private property, without a signed consent form, may result in prosecution for damages.

Members are warned that any activity that would deem to bring the Club or our Landlords into disrepute and destroy our and their standing in the Community would be classed as gross misconduct and result in immediate withdrawal of membership and possible further action.

11. Problems on site:

Our Landlords have requested that no members visit the farm on Lakeland Outdoor Club business. All communication regarding the site is to go through the Officials of the Club so ensuring attention is given to the matter.

We are reliant on a successful and professional relationship with our Landlords based on respect and the knowledge that without them the Club would not exist.

Any problems that occur on site with regard to fencing, cattle, access etc. should first be reported to Officials of the Club or a Committee member.

On no account should any repairs temporary or permanent be carried out before the Club Officials have been notified. No expenditure will be made to members without authorisation of the Officials and a receipt must presented for items purchased for authorised work.

12. Disciplinary Procedures:

If any member has any concerns regarding the Club Rules, please discuss this with the Officers of the Club or a Committee member.

Persistent disregard of Club Rules may result in the withdrawal of membership.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Officials and the Committee are not obliged in any way to give reasons why membership is terminated or refused to any individual or individuals.