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Littledale Activity Centre

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Littledale Activity Centre

Overview



The **Littledale Activity Centre** is one of two centres owned and run by the Lonsdale Scout District. It is situated south of the village of Brookhouse, eight miles from Lancaster and eleven miles from Morecambe. The centre is in the *Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty* (AONB).

The **Littledale Activity Centre** is set in fourteen acres of pleasantly wooded valley, bounded on the west side by *Artle Beck*. To the South of the site are the moorland fells of the Forest of Bowland and to the North you may go down to the Lune Valley and the River Lune.

The camping areas are suitable for all types of camping with some large open areas for multi-group events.

There is also a **Lodge**, capable of sleeping thirty people in separate bunk rooms, ideal for groups that want to stay over but not camp.

The **Littledale Activity Centre** is also perfect for day and evening events, offering a wide range of activities to inspire everyone. The Centre has a large open wet weather shelter that can be used for a variety of activities.

... And for Lonsdale groups Littledale Activity Centre is an **EXTREMELY AFFORDABLE** option, with many activities **FREE**.





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Accommodation Options

Long Panther Lodge Bunk House



This is a refurbished, centrally heated, double-glazed building with wooden bunk beds for 30 people. (4 x 6 berth, 1 x 4 berth & 1 x 2 berth rooms). The doors have been widened to allow access for wheelchair users.



The 25 ft square dining room can double up as an activity room, if needed, in bad weather. It would also be suitable for training courses.



The kitchen has stainless steel worktops, a 6-burner gas cooker and a water heater. There is also a small commercial fridge and freezer. Crockery and cooking utensils for 30 people are provided.



The lodge has its own indoor toilets suitable for wheelchair users, two washrooms and three showers. There is an outdoor coat area with heaters for drying wet coats & boots.



When the Lodge is not being used, groups have the option to hire the "kitchen only" at the specified day rate.

Camping Areas



Littledale has five main areas across the site that are perfect for troop or group camps.

- **Main Field (North & South):** Close to the entrance & main car park. This area is ideal for camping with larger numbers, or two small camps. It is also suitable for team games or large group activities, including Pioneering.
- **Flood Plain (FP):** Just down from the Main Field and near to the beck. It is large enough for Troop or Pack Camps.
- **Mill Race (MR):** Again, near the Main Field and suitable for small Troop or Pack Camps.
- **Top Field:** In the middle of the Site. The camping area is suitable for one large camp or two small camps with enough space left for team games or activities. There is a small toilet block located between the Top Field and Silver Birch.
- **Silver Birch (SB):** This field is near the back of the site and is large enough for Troop or Pack Camps. It is also suitable for Hammocking.



There are caravan-type Electrical hook-up sockets available for rent on the edge of the Main Field, near the Warden's Hut.

Oil drum BBQs, with grill racks, are available for outdoor cooking. You should **NOT** light fires directly on the ground. There is a separate area for large group camp fires.

Toilets



The main toilet block (refurbished in 2020) is located between the Main Field and Top Field. It has hot and cold water wash basins, disabled facilities, and hot showers. There are separate toilet & shower facilities for Leaders.

There is a second smaller toilet block between Top Field and the Silver Birch camping areas. It is very basic with toilets and cold water wash basins. These toilets are not really suitable for disabled people.



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Wet Weather Barn



Littledale Activity Centre has a large & open shared wet weather shelter. It is Wheelchair accessible and contains a number of tables.



The shelter can be used as a "Mess Tent" and is also ideal for activities when the weather isn't too good.



The shelter is free to use for all on-site. Currently there are no cooking facilities provided in the shelter.





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Free (non-permit) Activities

Nature Inspired



Littledale Activity Centre has a wide & varied terrain with many different trees & plants. It is ideal for learning navigation skills and, of course, for Den building.



You will spot many different birds and a variety of animals including deer, squirrels and rabbits.



The bank of *Artle Beck* also offers the opportunity to see different aspects of nature.



Physical



Littledale Activity Centre is a large but compact site so perfect for Wide Games & Scavenger hunts.

Cricket, hockey & baseball equipment are available from the Warden.



Adventurous Activities



Littledale Activity Centre offers some more adventurous activities that are free and do not require permits or pre-authorisation.

Currently there is an **Assault Course** at the far end of the site. There is also a **Bouldering Wall** near the Wet Weather shelter. Unfortunately neither of these activities is particularly suited to *Beavers*.



Near the main car park there is a stock of **Pioneering Poles** and ropes. The Main Field is a perfect spot to construct some impressive structures. Please pre-book Pioneering so equipment can be made available.



There is now a 25 point **Orienteering Course** spread across the site. There are three different challenges to help develop navigation & map reading skills.

Social



Up the track from the Warden's Hut is a large group camp fire area for up to 50 people.

There is also an outdoor Chapel for more contemplative activities.





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Permit / Charged Activities

The following activities must be pre-booked and be led by an approved instructor.

Indoor Shooting

There is a fully equipped indoor shooting range at Littledale near the Wet Weather Shelter. This has 4 shooting lanes.



If your group is interested in this activity then there is a list of Permit holders at the back of this document.



Crate Stacking



There is Crate Stacking equipment available on site.

It is often a challenge to stand on top of the stack and to see how high can you build it before it comes crashing down. The activity develops balance and confidence whilst encouraging team working and communication.

Tomahawk Throwing



There is Tomahawk Throwing equipment available on site, including branded Littledale targets. There is a plan to develop a dedicated Tomahawk Throwing area in the coming months. In the meantime, Mill Race field is an ideal area to use.

Archery



The new Archery range will be available for hire in the Autumn of 2022. The range will have 4 targets and required safe areas. It will have 3 shooting lines: 8m (Beavers), 10m (Cubs and upwards) and 15m (experienced Archers).

Frisbee / Disc Golf



Thanks to a generous grant from *The Harris* Charity, Littledale Activity Centre now has a **9-Hole Disc (Frisbee) Golf course** with professional equipment. Normally set up on the Top Field but can be played on the Main Field.

Artle Beck



On the western side of the site is *Artle Beck*. The rocks can become slippery so groups should be warned about the dangers. If you are planning on using *Artle Beck* for an activity then there **MUST** be a qualified Lifeguard supervising.



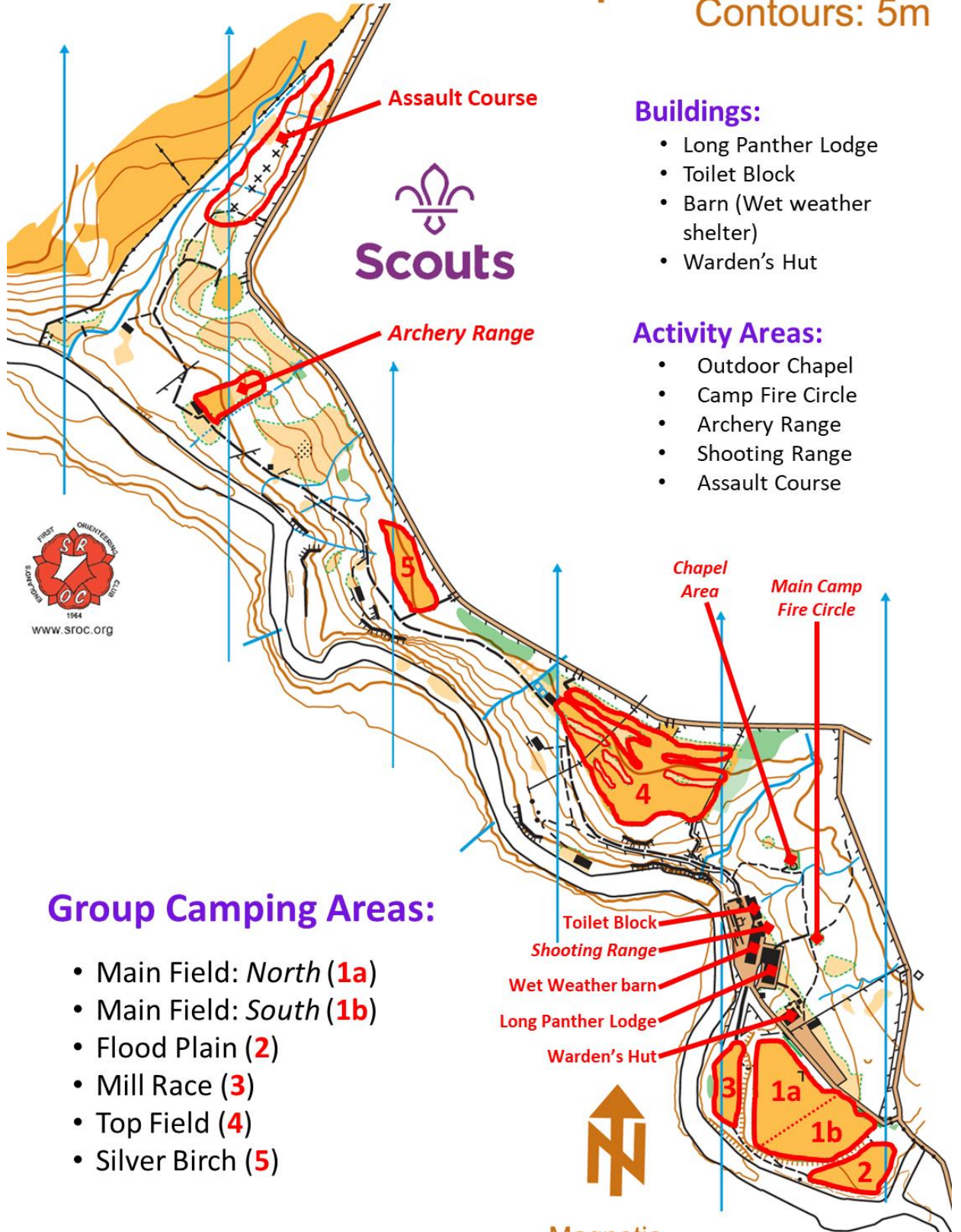


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Site Overview

Littledale Scout Camp

Scale 1:3000
Contours: 5m

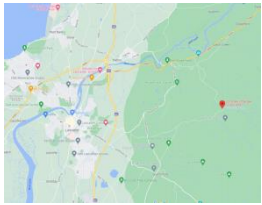




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Location



Littledale Activity Centre (OS Ref: SD 5538 6231) is situated near to Caton & Brookhouse villages.

The full address is: **Littledale Rd, Lancaster LA2 9EX** (Please note that the post code entered in a satnav is not accurate in locating the site entrance.)

The what3words address is: **///removals.pink.intervals**

There is no local public transport.

On-site facilities



There is poor mobile phone reception on-site but the site does now have high speed WiFi. The current Router name and password are displayed in the window of the Warden's Hut.



There is no longer a Tuck Shop on-site but you can buy woggles & badges from the Warden's Hut. Groups should bring their own sweets & snacks to sell.

There is an Emergency Defibrillator, located near the Warden's Hut.



Risk Assessment Considerations



There are some **slippy paths** at the back end of the site, towards the Archery Range and Assault course.

On the western edge of the site it **Artle Beck**. Groups should be warned not to go into the water or play on the banks unsupervised. You should have a qualified life guard if the group is going in the water.



The site is heavily wooded and, during recent storms, many **trees have fallen down**. Care should be taken when climbing on and amongst fallen trees.

There are plenty oil drum BBQs, with grill racks, available for use. **Do not have fires on the ground except in the main camp fire area**. Ensure fires are extinguish when not being supervised.



If you are camping away from the main areas around the Warden's Hut / Toilet Block areas then you should be aware that there is currently **no lighting on the paths**. Groups should be reminded to bring torches.



Groups should ensure they bring their own first aid supplies.

Nearest A&E is at the Royal Lancaster Infirmary, Ashton Road, Lancaster LA1 4RP
Tel: 01524 65944



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Are you ready for fun & adventure?

