



PERTH AND KINROSS SCOUT AND GUIDE ASSOCIATIONS

CRAGGAN CAMPSITE



Enclosed is information on the Scout and Guide campsite at Craggan.

Separately attached (as Microsoft Word Documents) are the booking form and payment form so you may complete these electronically if you wish.

Note - please complete and return to the booking secretary ASAP as provisional bookings can only be held for 7 days.

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GENERAL SITE INFORMATION

Craggan campsite is a natural wooded area and is ideal for outdoor activities, backwoods shelters, cooking on wood fires.

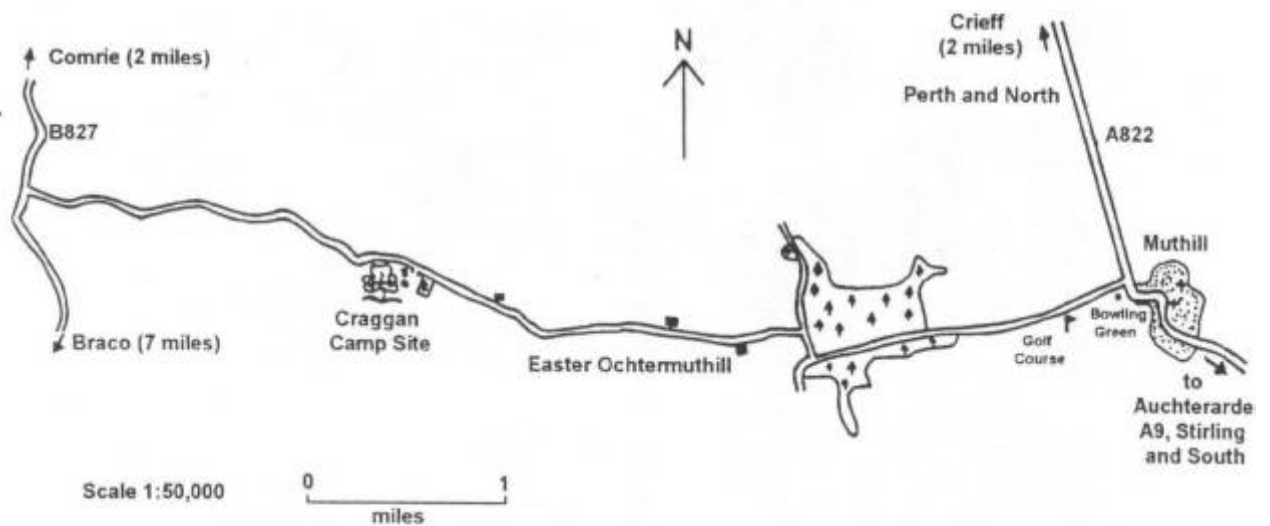


Craggan is a large, sheltered campsite located in a remote glen lying between the Braco - Comrie road (B827) and the Muthill - Crieff road (A822). There is a hard surface (now grass covered) car park just inside the gate.

There are three huts on site: a small storage hut, a kitchen/night toilet hut (5m x 3m) containing a Calor gas cooker and plenty of cooking utensils, and a large hut (10m x 5m) for storage and wet weather shelter. Equipment is available by arrangement.

There are two water taps providing drinking water on site, with filters in the water supply line to remove solid articles. The water is also passed through an ultra violet system and is therefore safe to drink without further treatment. There is more than adequate dead wood lying around on the fringes of the site and in the adjoining wood. Latrines are chemical toilets.

LOCATION PLAN & DETAILS



N.B. Muthill to Craggan approximately 5 miles

The grid reference of the site is O.S. Sheet 57 Grid Ref. 808173

The postcode for satnavs is PH5 2DE

Coming from Muthill, the campsite is located approximately 100 metres past the end of the road to Dunruchan Farm which has a large wooden sign at the end of the farm road.

CRAGGAN CAMP SITE - GUIDELINES

It is hoped that, having chosen to camp at Craggan, you will have an enjoyable time, and that the weather will be kind. The following information will help to ensure your comfort and safety and will maintain the site in good condition.

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FACILITIES

There are three huts on site: a small storage hut holding spare gas cylinders, saws, spades etc.; a kitchen hut (5m x 3m) containing a gas cooker and cooking equipment, and a large hut (10m x 5m) for wet weather shelter and storage.

The big hut is intended only as a shelter for campers in adverse weather conditions. **USERS OF THE SITE MUST THEREFORE NOT PLAN ON USING IT AS SLEEPING ACCOMMODATION as this is strictly forbidden under fire regulations.**

The windows have shutters and the locks are high so please take care in reaching them. Keys for padlocks are on a wooden key ring hanging in the kitchen. (Note - one key does all the shutter padlocks.)

Only chairs, benches and tables should be left in the hall section of the big hut when you leave. (To seat the maximum number at tables use the benches)

No ball games in the hut please - only quiet games permitted as space is limited and the lights are not protected.

All doors must be secured shut at night use the mortice locks and on leaving remember to replace the crossbar to firmly secure the fire door.

Please do not fix anything to the walls of the huts, inside or outside that might damage them (there is a pin board provided).

Solar and wind powered battery lighting is provided in the huts. PLEASE NOTE, THAT ONLY ELECTRIC LIGHTS ARE PERMITTED IN ANY OF THE BUILDINGS as the fire risk with gas or paraffin powered lights in a wooden building is too great.

Equipment is available on site for 4 patrols and their leaders, or for 36 people group camping. Tents and their poles are colour coded. (Please note that because of difficulties in drying wet canvas our tents are not available from October to April inclusive). Extra equipment may be brought if required, as the site is large enough for at least 50 and has held 100 campers.

CHARGES

£2.50 per person per night. Cheques should be made payable to 'Craggan Campsite'. A deposit of £20.00 is payable along with the booking form with the final payment being due seven days after the end of the camp.

CAMPING PERMISSION FORMS

(Perth and Kinross Scouts and Guides only - other Districts and Counties follow your own Scout or Guide instructions)

Guides to Miss Rachel Gaden, 17A Priory Place, Craigie, Perth, PH2 0EA

Cub Scouts to Becky Adams, 67 Ashgrove, Perth, PH1 1HP

Scouts to Martin Adams, 67 Ashgrove, Perth, PH1 1HP

Scout Leaders and Explorer Scouts to Sean Thorpe, Rockview, 1 Market Street, Aberfeldy, PH15 2AN

FLAG POLE

The flag pole is set in a permanent mount. It is removed during the winter. The flags are kept in the kitchen, in a bag hanging on the wall. Please return them there after camps (if wet, lay over chairs).

KEYS

Arrangement for the collection of keys must be made with the Booking Secretary. Care must be taken with the keys as the cost of replacing locks and keys is over £100.

Because of mid-week bookings, access to the site earlier or later than the dates on your booking form is not available without the agreement of the Booking Secretary.

On vacating the site (which must be done by the time stated on your booking form) please ensure that the shutters are closed and locked in place on all huts, the doors are all locked and padlocked (remembering that the back store door must be bolted from the inside); the gate chain padlocked, and the keys returned to where you collected them from **immediately after the end of camp.**

If you require to return (e.g. to pack wet canvas) please discuss this with the Booking Secretary.

VEHICLES

Vehicles must be parked on the hard surface just inside the gate and due to the soft nature of the ground must not be taken further into the site. The car park is for cars, minibuses and light vans only - NO heavy lorries or buses are permitted inside the gate at any time. The car park has been extended back to the wall next to the wood and can now take three rows of cars and young Alder trees have been planted to indicate the boundary of the car park.

ACTIVITIES EQUIPMENT

Ropes - lashing lengths are in a box in the store. There are also some long lengths. All rope to be left correctly hanked and in boxes in the store.

Pioneering poles - please ensure these are returned to the sheltered cover provided.

PATROL BOXES

There are four patrol boxes, each with a list of contents. The keys for these are on the wall of the kitchen hut just inside the door. Please ensure that the contents are left clean and the keys returned to the kitchen hut.

WATER

Water is from a hill burn and there are filters in the water supply line to remove solid particles. It is also treated by ultra violet light and tested by Perth & Kinross Council which shows it is perfectly safe to drink from the tap without the need for boiling. Please ensure that taps are not left running as the constant flow of water will lead to clogging of the filters. The water supplied is automatically turned on when the big hut is unlocked and turned off again when you lock up at end of camp (see more detailed information later in this document).

SMOKING

Smoking is strictly not permitted in any of the buildings on site (including toilets) or in tents.

DOGS

Sorry, but in the interests of health and safety we cannot allow dogs (other than registered Guide or Assistance Dogs) or any other pets on site.

FIREWOOD

There is more than enough dead wood lying around on the fringes of the site and in the adjoining woods (above the campsite and through the gap in the wall beside the toilets). Standing trees, whether dead or alive, must not be cut. (As we have had considerable problems with damage caused to trees and equipment please ensure that felling axes and hand axes are used appropriately. (Three sizes of saw are provided in the small hut and a felling axe and two hand axes are stored just inside the door of the kitchen hut.)

Please replace any wood you use from the woodpile ready for the next campers.

At the end of camp please remove all part burned wood from all fires (including the camp-fire). Part burned firewood must be returned to the woodpile, not thrown down the hill or buried in the latrine pit. Ash only may be buried in the latrine pits.

If you have brought newspapers for fire lighting or any other purpose please take what is left away with you so our mice do not chew them !

Please do not cut turf for fires - alter fires are provided. Please use them on slabbed areas only - there are additional slabs on site should these be required for larger camps. Small fire places may be cut off the camping areas in the rough ground for backwoods cooking, etc.

LATRINES

There is a wooden toilet shed with four compartments, each with a chemical toilet. There is also a single night toilet in the kitchen hut. There is a block for raising the toilet for disabled campers kept in the night toilet. The keys are kept in the kitchen hut just inside the door. Elsan fluid and toilet paper, which can be found in the night toilet, is provided.

Please follow the guidelines for the amount of fluid to add to the toilets as there is a tendency to use far too much. Pits for emptying the toilets into are in the wood behind the toilets, and the one currently in use is marked. Please ensure that liquid is allowed to drain away before covering with soil (campers in the past have not done this and been using too much soil to absorb the liquid).

NO RUBBISH OF ANY KIND MUST BE PUT IN THIS PIT, ALTHOUGH ASH (NOT SOLID WOOD) MAY BE. There is a water tap for filling the basins and a hose is provided for washing the floor if required. *Please leave the toilets cleaned and recharged ready for use by the next campers when you leave. Use*

the tap beside the toilet block only for rinsing/filling toilets. Do not use it for drinking purposes.

RUBBISH

Plastic sacks (either charity bags or black bin bags) are provided in the kitchen for rubbish. There is also a supply of strong fertiliser sacks in the night toilet which you may also use for heavier rubbish. Burn as much as possible. What is left please take home! (There are Council facilities in Crieff and Auchterarder). Please ensure that smokers dispose of their cigarette ends in a fire or rubbish bag - not on the grass. Remember to leave fresh bags in the bins when you go - and that any last minute snack rubbish goes in the bags you are taking away!

WET STRIKE

Please hang wet canvas from the rafters in the large hut using short bits of rope through the end pole holes and making sure there are no hollows in the canvas into which water can drain - and inform the Booking Secretary. Leaders from within a 50 mile radius of Craggan are expected to return to pack it when dry. (This is equivalent of furthest Group in Perth and Kinross, who would have to return). As the next camp normally goes in on the following Friday the tents should be packed by Thursday.

GAS

Whilst we would not expect it to be necessary replacement gas cylinders can be obtained from Braidhaugh Caravan Park in Crieff (site is on left as you enter Crieff from the Muthill side, just before the road swings right over the river). Pay on collection and we will reimburse on presentation of receipt. Spare/empty cylinders are kept in the small shed.

MISCELLANEOUS

Storing of tents, poles, groundsheets, guys, mallets and pegs - when tents have to be dried pegs, mallets and guys tend to get left out of the bags or go missing so they are now kept in their respective boxes (not in with the tents). Please leave them this way when you strike camp. Spare tent pegs are in green crates in the large hut store.

Please enter some details and experiences of your camp in the Site Log Book. (If you send one or two good photos we'll put them in the book).

First Aid equipment is not provided so you must bring your own.

Anti midge creams and sprays are not usually found to be effective and we recommend midge headnets, costing anything from £3.50 upwards.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO LEADERS - Whilst Young Leaders may be delegated to supervise various tasks in the striking of camp it is the *sole responsibility of the camp leader* to ensure the site is left in at least as pristine a condition as it was found. A CHECK LIST IS ATTACHED TO HELP YOU. PLEASE LEAVE SIGNED IN KITCHEN WHEN YOU DEPART.

If you make any gadgets/rope ladders etc please dismantle and return ropes.

FIRE PRECAUTIONS

Assembly point is Dunruchan Farm road end (out site gate turn right over crest)
See notice on door of kitchen hut.

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE

As mobile reception is limited to Vodafone a telephone using this service has been installed in the kitchen hut, a key being provided on the leader's set of keys. This is provided for strictly emergency use. (To get a signal it is now necessary to go to the end of the Dunruchan Farm road as Vodafone have changed slightly their coverage).

DAMAGES

Please complete a Damages, Incidents and Suggestions form, which will be found in the kitchen hut.

SITE IMPROVEMENTS

The site is always being upgraded and we ask you to bear with any work areas there may be on site. Please ensure that campers keep clear of these areas as far as is possible. Remember the old rule of leaving a site better than you found it - if you want any suggestions for something to do, ask the booking secretary when arranging for the keys.

If you have any suggestions on how the site may be improved please note them on a Damages, Incidents and Suggestions form, which will be found in the kitchen hut, and either leave it on the worktop or send it to the Booking Secretary.

SOUVENIRS

The site's own souvenir badges, as shown at the start of this booklet, are for sale (see notice in kitchen hut). The cost £1 each. Normally we leave 25 out but if you will need more please advise us as soon as possible and we will adjust to suit. Badges can be provided by post after the camp. Payment should be made along with your camp fees.

LOCAL INFORMATION

SHOPPING

There is a small shop for groceries etc. in Muthill, and larger supermarkets in Crieff. Tesco and Asda both deliver to the site (Internet ordering only)

MINIBUS HIRE

Sweeney minibus hire is available in Muthill - Telephone 01764 681231

AUCHINGARROCH WILDLIFE CENTRE

This is located between Craggan and Comrie - Telephone 01764 679469

HILLWALKING

Please make arrangements with the Estate Office - Telephone 01764 681257

PONY TREKKING

Crieff Hydro stables - Telephone 01764 651616

SWIMMING

Swimming can be arranged in Crieff at the Leisure Centre (who also have a sports hall available for hire), and also at the Hydro pool. Advance booking is essential.

TICKS

Ticks live in grass and heather and when an animal or person walks past they can attach themselves to the legs and begin to feed.

What this means is that all grassland and moorland is affected, and this includes camping and outdoor activity areas. Craggan, by its very nature, is unlikely to escape and whilst we have not had a significant problem with ticks in the past it would be naïve and remiss of us not to warn campers of the possibility and the need for vigilance. They tend to be present in longer grass and as we keep the campsite grass quite short hopefully this will reduce the likelihood of them being present. They are more likely to be found in the woods.

Ticks feed on blood and when they attach themselves to flesh their bite is painless, unlike that of blood sucking insects like midges, so the victim is unaware of having been bitten. They burrow their heads under the skin and feed until they are bloated and fall off. (They do not need to feed again for another year!)

A few simple precautions can drastically reduce the risk of being bitten - around the campsite encourage campers to wear knee length socks, don't walk barefoot on the grass, change into long trousers if moving into the woods - and definitely if going off site into rough country.

Encourage the campers to report any bites, and not to try to remove a tick if they do happen to find one. We have provided tick removers (in a bag beside on the Notice Board) which work like claw hammers - select the appropriate size, slide it between the body of the tick and the skin, and gently twist the tick out. Don't worry if the head breaks off - it will be rejected in a short time just like a splinter of wood is. A wee coat of antiseptic cream finishes the job.

If there is any inflammation, or if the individual or parents are concerned, we recommend consulting a doctor.

So that we can monitor the situation please note the number of incidents on a Damages, Incidents and Suggestions form in the kitchen.

CRAGGAN SITE RISK ASSESSMENT

This is a Management Team risk assessment primarily for the general condition of the camp site and an activity assessment should be done by every group using the site as no member of the Management Team is present when the site is being used. (Items which Leaders should be aware of are also included *in italics*).

Camping Areas

No major risk factors other than slipping on the grass, particularly when it is wet, and tripping where the grass is uneven. Management Action required - none.

Buildings

Kitchen

Gas cooker and external gas cylinders with the associated risk of fire if misused. Management Action - check gas is turned off when post camp inspection is done; cooking items on shelves above head height which need care to remove; small ledge at door with risk of tripping if attention not paid.

Night Toilet section - *contains shelves which are high. Management Action - keep nothing required by campers on the higher shelves.*

Big Hut

Ramps can get slippery when wet or campers have mud on boots. Chicken wire has been laid but care required by campers if this gets filled with mud.(camp leaders- warn campers of risk if wet weather); small ledge at door with risk of tripping if attention not paid; tables and chairs in hall could fall over if climbed on. Store section - temptation to climb on shelving to get items on higher shelves; tent poles with spikes may need to be moved around in restricted space. Management Action - none apart from checking if mud in chicken wire.

Small Shed

Saws, spades and other tools stored here, along with empty and spare gas cylinders. Management Action - recommend that young people are not permitted access without adult supervision.

Toilet Block

No major risks.

Water Supply

Water purification system to be effective and the water safe to drink.
Management Action - have water tested annually.

Peripheral Areas

Woodpile

Logs will roll and collapse if climbed on. Management Action - at post camp inspection check stability.

Campfire

Seats are treated timber which when wet can be slippery for if anyone walks along them. Management Action - none.

Wooded Areas Surrounding Site

Fallen branches, hollows present a tripping risk. Storm damaged trees and branches present risk of falling objects. Management Action - to be removed as priority under the site's forestry maintenance programme.

Stone Wall behind Toilet Block

Climbing on wall could loosen large stones. Management Action - walk along checking for obviously loose stones.

Toilet Pits in Wood behind Toilet Block

Fenced off and waste should be well covered. Risk of falling in. Management Action - at post camp inspection ensure fencing is in place and waste is covered.

Banking and Burn

Banking can be slippery particularly when wet. Water hazard at burn.
Management Action - none.

Football Pitch

Grass is uneven - tripping risk. Large rocks at boundary end - slippery when wet. Falling risk. Management Action - none.

Boundaries

The fencing along the back of the top wooded area has collapsed along the roadside, but with heavy undergrowth access to this is quite difficult. Risk factor low. Management Action - none because this is an Estate fence.

Gate to Site

Close gates and secure. Management Action - proper gates have now been installed please ensure gates are closed and secured with padlock and chain.

WATER SYSTEM

The water system is automatic -

- When the campsite is not in use and the large hut main door is locked, the water supply is automatically shut off.
- When the campsite is in use, and the large hut main door is unlocked, the water supply will be automatically turned on.
- There are blue flashing lights on the large hut, one above the front door visible from the kitchen, and another on the back corner visible from the field water tap.

Flashing of these lights indicate failure of the ultra violet system and if they flash continuously all water must be boiled before drinking cold (it is still OK for washing and cooking).

- Note - when the large hut main door is first unlocked, the blue lights will flash as a test that the warning system is in fact working - they will stop flashing after some 15 to 20 seconds and the water system is then ready for use.
- If you have a problem e.g. no water at the tap or the blue lights continue to flash, phone either Adrian on 0788 777 2869 or Daniel on 07935 399 364. It would be helpful if you could phone Adrian or Daniel while the lights are flashing as we may ask for certain information to try and diagnose what the problem is. Vodafone reception (or the emergency phone from the box on the kitchen wall) is available if you walk to the Dunruchan Farm road end.)
- To conserve battery power, please lock the large hut overnight.

CHECK-LIST FOR USE BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM CRAGGAN (COPIES ARE KEPT IN THE KITCHEN HUT FOR USE)

GENERAL

- ALL WINDOW SHUTTERS SHOULD BE CLOSED AND PADLOCKED.
- BRUSH HALL AND KITCHEN FLOORS.
- ALL 3 RUBBISH BINS EMPTIED AND FRESH BAGS PUT IN. TAKE YOUR OWN RUBBISH AWAY WITH YOU.
- ALL ASH AND BURNT WOOD IS REMOVED FROM THE FIREPLACE, AND WOODPILE LEFT TIDY.
- ALL WATER TAPS TURNED OFF.
- THE SITE IS SWEEPED FOR TENT PEGS AND RUBBISH (PEGS CAN DAMAGE OUR MOWER!)

KITCHEN

- ALL FOOD SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE CUPBOARDS AND TAKEN AWAY.
- THE COOKER AND WORK SURFACES SHOULD ALL BE CLEAN.
- TURN OFF BOTH GAS CYLINDERS (AT BACK OF HUT)
- LIGHTS MUST BE SWITCHED OFF.

BIG HUT

- LOCK AND BOLT BACK DOOR. ENSURE STORE IS LEFT TIDY.
- CLOSE FIRE DOOR, ENSURE LOCK CATCHES, AND REPLACE BAR.
- TABLES AND CHAIRS SHOULD BE CLEAN AND PROPERLY STACKED.
- LIGHTS MUST BE SWITCHED OFF IN MAIN HUT AND IN STORE.

TOILETS (Including the one in the kitchen hut)

- CHEMICAL TOILETS EMPTIED, CLEAN AND RECHARGED WITH CHEMICAL AND WATER.
- COMPARTMENTS LEFT BRUSHED OUT IF REQUIRED BUT CERTAINLY TIDY.
- ALL WASH BASINS, BUCKETS AND BINS EMPTIED.
- TOILET CONTENTS IN PIT MUST BE PROPERLY COVERED.
- ALL DOORS LOCKED. KITCHEN TOILET LIGHT OFF.

SMALL SHED ('DIRTY' STORE)

- LEAVE TIDY AND LOCKED.

FINALLY

- **CAMP LEADER TO CHECK HE/SHE IS SATISFIED ALL THE ABOVE HAVE BEEN DONE AND LIST LEFT IN KITCHEN**
- LOCK ALL DOORS.
- CLOSE THE GATES AND PADLOCK.
- RETURN KEYS TO WHERE YOU COLLECTED THEM FROM ON ARRIVAL.

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