

# Out and about

## Local attractions

- **Leeds Castle**  
Historic Leeds Castle set in 500 acres of beautiful parkland, some of its many attractions include; Knights Realm playground; Castle Craft Cafe; Dog Collar Museum; Bird Aviary; Falconry; Gardens; Vineyard; Gift shops and restaurant.  
**01622 765400**  
[www.leeds-castle.com](http://www.leeds-castle.com)
- **Bredgar & Wormshill Light Railway**  
One of the best narrow gauge railways in the UK with ten steam locomotives and at least two operating a regular passenger service on open days. Also traction engines, model railway, vintage vehicles, working beam engine.  
**01622 884254**  
[www.bwlr.co.uk](http://www.bwlr.co.uk)
- **The Historic Dockyard, Chatham**  
Costumed guides bring this spectacular maritime heritage site alive! Who do YOU want to meet today? Discover over 400 years of maritime history as you explore the world's most complete dockyard of the Age of Sail.  
**01634 823807**  
[www.thedockyard.co.uk](http://www.thedockyard.co.uk)
- **Dickens World**  
Step back in time at Dickens World as you are immersed in the streets, sounds and smells of the 19th Century. The attraction features the 'Great Expectations' boat ride, the 'Haunted Man', Dotheboy's Hall School Room, Peggotty's Boathouse 4D cinema show, the Britannia Theatre.  
**01634 890421**  
[www.dickensworld.co.uk](http://www.dickensworld.co.uk)

- **The Hop Farm Family Park**  
Set in 400 acres of countryside, this once working Hop Farm is packed full of new features, attractions and exhibitions, with special events every year.  
**01622 872068**  
[www.thehopfarm.co.uk](http://www.thehopfarm.co.uk)
- **River Medway Boat Trips**  
One-hour trips on the River Medway on board the Allington Belle, Maidstone's Mississippi style riverboat. Regular return trips between Allington and Maidstone town centre.  
**01622 661064**  
[www.allingtonbelle.co.uk/](http://www.allingtonbelle.co.uk/)
- **Belmont Gardens**  
The present layout of the grounds dates from the 1790s and the gardens consist of a walled garden, pinetum, wooded areas, formal lawns and a large kitchen garden. Please enquire for details of the House Tours.  
**01795 890202**  
[www.belmont-house.org](http://www.belmont-house.org)

## Activities

- **Cycling**  
There are cycling trails in nearby Mote Park.
- **Walking**  
There are several public footpaths close by.
- **Fishing**  
Fishing at Major Lakes within one mile, Monks Lakes, 12 miles away.
- **Golf**  
Marriott Tudor Park, within 0.5 mile of the site. Leeds Castle has a beautiful 9-hole course.

# Welcome to Bearstead Caravan Club Site

## Get to know your site



The site gently slopes towards the open perimeter grounds of Leeds Castle. Surrounded by fields, one of which is a horse paddock and slightly set back from the main road.

The site is centrally located to explore the beautiful countryside of Kent - the

Garden of England - and its various tourist attractions: Leeds Castle, the historic town of Maidstone and the North Kent coastline seaside towns of Whitstable & Margate.

This is an ideal place to stay to visit the Kent Showground and there are many railways within easy reach for steam enthusiasts.

# General site information

## Reception Services

### Mail and messages

Mail and messages are displayed in Reception.

### Reception

Reception is open 9am - 5pm (closed 10.30am - 1pm).

### Site shop

Open during office hours. The Shop sells chemicals, gas, sweets, ice cream and basic provisions.

### Information Room

Situated in the Laundry. Leaflets are available about the many attractions and places of interest that you can visit during your stay.

### Mobile & public telephones

Network coverage is poor. There is a public telephone located next to Reception. Please note that this phone does not accept incoming calls.

## Pitches

Please note, we allocate pitches.

### Pitch care

Please remember to lift your awning ground sheets daily if on a grass pitch.

### Motor caravans

If your pitch is left unoccupied, please leave your motor caravan sign on display.

### Vacating your pitch

If you wish to stay after 12 noon on your day of departure, please ask the Site Warden.

### Barbecues

These are allowed but open fires are not. Please keep barbecues at least 18 inches off the grass.

### TV reception

Television reception is poor but we have a booster system on the bollards.

### Wi-Fi

Wi-fi internet access is available on this site. Please ask the Warden for details.

### Arrivals

Arrivals from 1pm. Please note that there is a maximum of one car per pitch. Early arrivals please wait at Maidstone Services. Late night arrival is for prebooked bookings only, in case of genuine emergency.

### Electric Hook-up

The cost of electricity is included in your pitch fee, but please help us to minimise our effect on the environment by considering your electricity use while on site. In 2009 The Club's expenditure on electricity was £4 million and any saving can help to reduce pitch fees or invest in new sites or redevelopments.

## Site Facilities

### Toilets and showers

There is one toilet block, which is closed for cleaning between 10.30am and 12 noon. Parent and toddler facilities are available in cubicles in both Gents and Ladies. Please ensure that children are supervised by an adult at all times.

The disabled toilet and shower facilities need a RADAR key for access.

### Laundry

Prices for the use of the laundry facilities are: Washing machine £3.00; Tumble drier 70p; Washing sinks and ironing boards are also available. Please do not hang washing lines between trees or on the fences.

## Safety on Site

### Vehicles and cycles

Parents are reminded that children remain their responsibility and therefore they should be supervised at all times, and to ensure that all members of their party follow the principles of road safety.

Motor vehicles and bicycles on site should, at all times, be used with due regard to the safety and convenience of others and their speed should not exceed walking pace (5mph). No cycling is permitted on site between the hours of dusk and dawn, as determined by the Wardens. Any one-way system signs should be observed by all vehicles and cycles. Foot pedalled cycles, scooters and skateboards can be used, but are not allowed on the paved area around toilet blocks and communal areas and must not be ridden on footpaths. Please note that motorised mobility scooters are allowed on site, but children's motorised scooters or skateboards are not.

### Pets

Please keep your pets on a lead at all times and do not allow them to foul the site but in case of accidents, please ensure you clean up thoroughly. There is a dog walk on site.

### Fire point

(to activate alarm/warning) Located at all service points. The fire assembly point is in the main car park.

### Visitors

Please ask your visitors to register with your name and pitch number at Reception when arriving at the site. Visitors' car parking is extremely limited on the Late Night Arrivals area and has to be clear by 8pm. Limited visitor parking is available after this time.

## Close by

### Supermarkets

The closest supermarkets are Tesco Express 1 mile away, Morrisons 4 miles away and Tesco Superstore 5 miles away.

### Cinema

The Odeon Multiscreen in Barker Road, Maidstone.

### Theatre

Haslett Theatre, Earl Street, Maidstone  
Tel: 01622 758611.

### Swimming pool

Mote Park Leisure Centre  
Tel: 08451 552277.

### Tourist Information Centre

In Maidstone  
Tel: 01622 602169.

### Public Transport

Bus stop now at main gate.  
The nearest train station is in Bearsted, 1.5 miles away.

### Places of Worship

Bearsted Community Church, Catholic Church, Methodist Church and Holy Cross Church are all nearby.

## Tell us what you think...

If you have any comments or suggestions that could help us to improve this Site, please put them in our Visitors' Comments Book. And if you discover a local pub or restaurant or an interesting place to go, tell us about that too!

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