

# Welcome to

# Teesdale Barnard Castle Caravan Club Site

# Get to know Teesdale Barnard Castle

Even though this site is located just 15 minutes' walk from the market town of Barnard Castle, it is set in open countryside that is designated as an Area of High Landscape Value.

Barnard Castle is a delightful town, home to the renowned Bowes Museum and a 12thC castle. It also marks the entrance to Teesdale, which offers spectacular scenery following the river upto High Force and a series of other waterfalls to its source beyond the Pennine Way and Cow Green Reservoir.

Teesdale is prime walking and cycling country, offering a wide variety of terrains to suit all abilities. For the less energetic, there are many places of interest nearby. The area's main asset is its unspoilt tranquillity.



# Things to see and do from this Club Site

# **Local attractions**

# • Barnard Castle

Ruined castle overlooking the River Tees with a fine great hall and a dominating round-towered keep.

01833 638212

www.english-heritage.org.uk

#### • The Bowes Museum

The Museum houses a collection of outstanding European fine and decorative arts and offers an acclaimed exhibition programme, alongside special events and children's activities.

01833 690606

www.thebowesmuseum.org.uk

#### Eggleston Abbey

The charming ruins of a small monastery of Premonstratensian 'white canons', picturesquely set above a bend in the River Tees near Barnard Castle.

01912 691200

www.english-heritage.org.uk

## • Raby Castle & Deer Park

Built for the mighty dynasty of the Nevills, this great fortress stands proud and defiant, its history rolling back almost a thousand years. Deer Park, gardens, coach house, shop and tearooms. Open Easter to September.

01833 660202

www.rabycastle.com

# • Thorpe Farm Centre

Reclaimed barn, country walks, animal paddocks, falconry centre and maze plus a stylish coffee shop, food and gift shop, all make Thorpe Farm a great place to visit.

01833 627242

www.thorpefarm.co.uk

#### • The Forbidden Corner – Leyburn

A four-acre walled garden with statues, fountains, underground passageways and surprises. A day out with a difference for all ages. 01969 640638

www.theforbiddencorner.co.uk

# • Kiplin Hall

Jacobean house furnished as a Victorian home with personal possessions, paintings and furniture collected over four centuries. Tearoom, garden, woodland and lakeside walks, play area and events.

01748 818178

www.kiplinhall.co.uk

#### • The Yorkshire Dales National Park

Established in 1954, the Yorkshire Dales National Park has outstanding scenery, a range of wildlife habitats and a rich cultural heritage. It's a special place — a fantastic outdoor arena for recreation and peaceful relaxation and a haven for wildlife. There are five Visitor Centres in the Park, or for more information call 0300 456 0030 or visit www.yorkshiredales.org.uk

## Activities

• Cycling See Sustrans.org.uk

#### Walking

There are many excellent local walks, including along the river to Barnard Castle. Teesdale itself offers superb walking, and the Pennine Way passes through Middleton higher up the valley.

# General site information

# RECEPTION SERVICES

#### Mail and messages

Mail and messages are put on the board outside Reception.

#### Site Shop

Opening times are displayed at Reception. The shop sells Calor Gas, toilet chemicals, newspapers to order and basic grocery items.

#### **Information Room**

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

#### Mobile & public telephones

Mobile phone signal is generally good on the site. There is a public telephone available on site.

# **PITCHES**

## Pitch care

Please ensure there is no leakage of waste water on to the pitch. Pup tents are only allowed to be pitched on the hardstanding area and not onthe grass areas around the pitch, which are designed as fire breaks.

#### **Motor caravans**

If your pitch is left unoccupied, please leave your motorcaravan sign on display. For safety reasons pleased is connect your electricity supply if leaving the cable on the pitch.

# Vacating your pitch

If you wish to stay after the normal departure time of 12 noon, please ask at Reception. Later departures will only be possible if the site is not busy.

#### **Barbecues**

These are allowed on site, but open fires are not. Please keep barbecues off the grass.

#### TV reception

TV reception is good. A ring aerial system is in place. In order to watch digital television on site you will need an Integrated Digital TV(IDTV) or a digital receiver, and you may also need an aerial or satellite dish.

## **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**

Please see the Site map for locations of amenity blocks.

# **Toilets and showers**

The toilet blocks are closed for cleaning at approximately the following times: Gents: 10.30am - 11.15am

Ladies: 11.0am - 11.45am

Baby and toddler washroom and disabled bathroom: Please see the notices on the facility door for cleaning times.

Please ensure that children are supervised by an adult at all times.

## Laundry

Laundry facilities are available on site – charges are displayed in the Laundry Room. Please do not hang washing lines between trees or on the fences.

#### Play areas

There is a play area on site. Children must be supervised.

## **SAFETY ON SITE**

#### Pets

Please keep your dog on a lead not exceeding 3 metres at all times on the pitching areas and roads within the site, and clean up after them. Exercise dogs off site or on dog walk area.



#### **Fire Point**

Alarm/warning bells are located on service points and outside Reception. The fire assembly point is in the visitors' car park.

#### **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.

#### **Visitors**

Please ask all your visitors to park in the visitors' car park and register their arrival at Reception. If you are expecting visitors after hours, please meet them at Reception.

#### **OUT AND ABOUT**

# **Supermarkets**

Morrisons and the Co-op and many other good local shops are in Barnard Castle.

#### **Cinema**

The nearest cinemas are:

Witham Cinema, 3 Horsemarket, Barnard Castle Tel: 01833 631107 Odeon in Darlington Tel: 0871 224 4007

Richmond Station Cinema in Richmond Tel: 01748 823062.

# **Tourist Information Centre**

Middleton in Teesdale, 10 Market Place DL12 OQC Tel: 01833 641001. Limited opening hours.

#### **Public Transport**

Buses are available from Barnard Castle. Time tables in the Information Room.

# **Places of Worship**

Most denominations can be found in Barnard Castle. Details in the Information Room.

# 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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