

# Welcome to

# Houghton Mill Caravan Club Site

## Get to know Houghton Mill

This site, owned by The National Trust, is on the banks of the Great Ouse with spectacular views across the river to the Trust's Houghton Mill, the last working watermill on this river. Milling demonstrations are held every Sunday during the season and visitors can purchase the flour.

The site is situated on the fringe of the highly picturesque village of Houghton, with a wealth of timbered and thatched-roof cottages, pubs and shops, and the whole surrounding area is a paradise for walkers, bird watchers and wildlife enthusiasts. There is an abundance of footpaths and bridleways for walkers, horse riders and cyclists along and across the proliferation of waterways.



## Things to see and do from this Club Site

### Local attractions

- **Houghton Mill**

*Last working watermill on the Great Ouse. Beautifully set on an island in the river. Great walking, cycling and horse riding opportunities. Hands-on exhibits for all the family. Stoneground flour often available to buy.*

01480 301494

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)

- **Wicken Fen National Nature Reserve**

*The last remaining undrained portion of the great Fen levels of East Anglia, rich in plant and invertebrate life and good for birds. Also a working windpump and restored Fen cottage.*

01353 720274

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)

- **Oliver Cromwell's House**

*Experience what domestic life would have been like in the 17th Century in a variety of recreated period rooms as well as an exhibition detailing the Civil War. Visit Mrs Cromwell's kitchen, try dressing-up or venture into the Haunted Bedroom if you dare!*

01353 662062

[www.olivercromwellshouse.co.uk](http://www.olivercromwellshouse.co.uk)

- **Wimpole Hall**

*An 18th Century house in a landscaped park with a folly, Chinese bridge, plunge bath and yellow drawing room in the house, the work of John Soane. Home Farm is a rare breeds' centre.*

01223 206000

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)

- **The Raptor Foundation**

*Exciting place to learn about birds of prey. Hands-on experience during flying displays.*

01487 741140

[www.raptorfoundation.org.uk](http://www.raptorfoundation.org.uk)

- **RSPB Ouse Washes**

*In the heart of The Fens, the Ouse Washes forms the largest area of washland (grazing pasture that floods in the winter) in the UK. The reserve attracts thousands of ducks and swans in winter, and in spring, hundreds of snipe, lapwings and redshanks breed.*

[www.rspb.co.uk/reserves](http://www.rspb.co.uk/reserves)

- **Grafham Water**

*Water park with extensive views, sailing, trout fishing, nature reserve, trails and walks, picnic areas, play areas, refreshments, gift shop and cycle hire.*

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[www.anglianwater.co.uk](http://www.anglianwater.co.uk)

### Activities

- **Cycling**

*The nearest National Cycle Network route to this site is Milton Keynes to Colchester, Route 51, OS ref TL281720. There are a number of cycling routes in the area from Houghton Mill around Grafham Water.*

*Cycling notes*

*These have been developed in conjunction with Sustrans and are available on this site. They include a detailed map, step-by-step directions and useful route information. A great way to explore the local area, you can pick them up FREE from Reception or download them from [www.caravanclub.co.uk](http://www.caravanclub.co.uk).*

- **Walking**

*There are a number of walking routes in the surrounding area from Houghton Mill.*

- **Fishing**

*Coarse fishing in the River Ouse that flows past the site. National rod licence essential.*

# General site information

## RECEPTION SERVICES

### Mail and messages

Mail and messages are put on the board at Reception.

### Site Shop

Open at the same times as Reception. The shop sells gas, Gaz, toilet chemicals and maps.

### Information Room

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

### Mobile & public telephones

Some mobile phones do not work in the area. There is no public telephone on site.

## PITCHES

### Pitch care

Awning ground sheets must be lifted daily.

### 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 see the departure board at the toilet block.

### Barbecues

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

### TV reception

Television reception is fair, best with aerial horizontal. The EHU bollards do not have a TV socket.

### 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 the amenity blocks.

### Toilets and showers

The toilet block is closed for cleaning at the following times:

Gents: 10.30am to 11.00am. Ladies: 11.00am to 11.30am.

The disabled toilet and shower facilities are located in the toilet block.

### Laundry

Prices for the use of the laundry facilities are:

Washing machine £3.00, Tumble drier 70p/cycle, Spin drier 60p/cycle.

Washing sinks are also available. Please do not hang washing lines between trees or on the fences.

### Recycling facilities

Next to Information Room and at Lower Water Point.

## 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 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 dog on a lead at all times on the pitching areas and roads within the site, and clean up after them. Dogs can be walked just outside the site.



### Fire Point

(to activate alarm/warning) At the service points at each end of the site. In case of emergency please go to the Fire Assembly Point indicated on the Site map.

### Visitors

Please ask your visitors to make themselves known at Reception when arriving at the site. If you are expecting visitors after hours, please meet them at Reception.

## OUT AND ABOUT

### Supermarkets

The closest is in the village, about 0.25 mile from the site. Waitrose, Tesco, Sainsburys and the Co-op are all within 2 miles of the site.

### Recycling facilities

At the Garden Centre.

### Cinema

Cineworld in Huntingdon, about 2 miles from the site.

Tel: 01480 410300.

### Swimming pool

In St. Ives.

Tel: 01480 388500.

### Tourist Information Centre

In Princes Street, Huntingdon.

### Public Transport

There is a bus service 2 minutes walk away, to Huntingdon, St. Ives and Cambridge.

### Places of Worship

C of E in the village, Catholic and Methodist churches in St. Ives and Huntingdon.

## 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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