



Girlguiding Midlothian
Vogrie Country Park
GOREBRIDGE
Midlothian EH23 4NU

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www.vogrie-brownies.co.uk

**Reminder to ALL Guiders
Adventure Playground
Vogrie Grounds**

Will all Guiders make sure they always accompany Brownies when visiting the Adventure Playground
Vogrie grounds are a public place, care and vigilance is needed at all times should Brownies move out-with the bounds of the Brownie House

VOGRIE BROWNIE HOUSE 2019



**Vogrie Brownie House
Girlguiding Midlothian**

**Vehicular Access to Vogrie
Please follow the instructions.
Thanks.**

Vogrie Brownie House

**Midlothian Guide Training Centre
Vogrie Country Park
Gorebridge
Midlothian EH23 4NU**

House Telephone: coin operated 01875 820019

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Police Central Control - 0131 663 2855

Golf Hut - 01875 821716

Ranger Service- 01875 821990

Thank you for considering a visit to Vogrie for your Rainbow sleep over, Brownie Pack Holiday or as a base for your Guides or Ranger Unit.

Location:

Vogrie Brownie House is situated in Vogrie Country Park which is surrounded by farmland. It lies south east of Edinburgh which is only 8 miles away. There are many places of interest to visit, a list of which is at the back of the booklet.

To get there you can take the Edinburgh Bypass to Sheriffhall roundabout, head towards A1 and take first exit to Jedburgh, A68 After approximately 4 miles turn right at the sign post B6372 Gorebridge. Pass through Dewarton village and turn left into Vogrie Country Park (approx. 1 mile) The Brownie House is at the end of the drive beyond the big house.

Keys

The keys for the house should be collected at the Golf Hut beside the new barrier at top of drive if still open - otherwise keys will be found at the Brownie House in the key safe fixed on the wall by the right hand side window and the number will be emailed to you before your holiday. You should collect a set of keys from the golf hut when open.

Key-safe keys should be returned back into key-safe as soon as possible and the golf hut keys should be posted through the Brownie House letter box on departure

Emergency Exit at night :

The gates are locked at night but you have a padlock key on the brownie house key ring should you need it

Swimming Pools :

The Lasswade Centre, Eskdale Drive, Bonnyrigg

Midlothian, EH19 2LA Tel:0131 271 4533 lasswade_lc@midlothian.gov.uk

Loanhead Leisure Centre 0131 440 4516

King George V Park

Loanhead

Newbattle Community Campus,

Newbattle Way,

Easthouses. Tel 0131 561 6740

Trampoline Park. RYZE

Unit 23

Mayfield Industrial Estate

Tel 0131 663 0140

Places of Interest

Crichton Castle

Pathhead

Midlothian

Rosslyn Chapel and Apprentice Pillar (Da Vinci code fame)

0131 440 2159

Roslin

Midlothian

Scottish Mining Museum

Newtongrange

Vogrie Riding School(next door)

Vogrie Grange, Gorebridge

Tel. 07703475821

Email dee@vogrie.co.uk

Countryside

Crichton / Borthwick walk from Crichton Castle to Borthwick

Dalkeith Palace Estate, Adventure play area, nature trails, Ranger Service, Picnic area, Scottish Farm animals.

Vogrie Country Park, 250 acre park site, Tree Trail, Walks, Wild Life, Orienteering Course & Ranger Service.

East Lothian

North Berwick/Bass Rock/Islands and Sea Bird Centre.
John Muir Country Park, nr Dunbar
Dunbar Leisure Pool, 01368 865456
Haddington Aubigny Sports Centre 01620 826800
Dirleton Castle also Yellowcraigs Beach -2 miles west of North Berwick.
Tantallon castle off A198

Shops:

The nearest are in Pathhead or Gorebridge.
Food can be delivered by www.tesco.com Stating clearly the address as the BROWNIE HOUSE, Midlothian Guide Training Centre, Vogrie Country Park, Gorebridge EH23 4NU

Vogrie Brownie House Souvenir shop:

Small souvenirs and badges are on sale and kept in cupboard by the telephone.

Vogrie Ranger Service: 01875 821990

To book any activities within Vogrie park with the Ranger service please phone above number.

Booking Arrangements

www.vogrie-brownies.co.uk

[email vogriebrownies@hotmail.com](mailto:vogriebrownies@hotmail.com)

The house is open from March to November

Bookings can be made with Secretary

Miss Emma Jones, 7 Kippielaw Drive, Dalkeith. EH22 4HT

Provisional Bookings

It is often easier to make a provisional booking by telephone but must be confirmed or cancelled within 10 days. If a booking is not confirmed in 10 days it will automatically be cancelled.

Charges: All prices are correct at time of printing but may be subject to change

A non returnable deposit of £100 for weekend or week long bookings or **£50** for a single night stay can be paid by Paypal or credit card found on the Brownie House website booking page at bottom of booking form (Buy Now Button) OR Cheques can be sent with booking form (for both weekends and weeks holidays)

There will be a £100 cancellation fee for any Unit/Group who cancels six weeks prior to going on holiday. The cancellation must be in writing to the Booking Secretary by the Guider who booked the holiday.

£7.00 per person -per night -for Midlothian units

£8.00 per person - per night - for all other bookings

To be paid at end of holiday.

Give your cheque to the checking out Guider who will send it to Mrs Sarah Turnbull. Asst. Treasurer Girlguiding Midlothian 14 Morningside Court, Edinburgh EH10 5NY.

All Cheques are made payable to:

VOGRIE BROWNIE TRAINING CENTRE-Monies must be received within 14 days if cheque not collected when guider checks out.

Notes: Vogrie Park gates are locked at Sunset - please indicate on booking form if you are arriving late so arrangements can be made for access. Please Phone a couple of weeks before to get access instructions.

Incoming units/groups not before 2.00pm

A weekend is from a Friday to Sunday afternoon. The house can also be booked for week long holidays, Outgoing units/groups out by 12 noon.

Qualifications:

Usual Guide Association regulations are required and permission as required in the Guiding Manual.

Residential Event Notification Forms must be completed and sent to your District commissioner who should then forward the relevant information to the Pack Holiday Adviser or County Camp Adviser as appropriate not less than 2 weeks before a holiday begins.

The Guider in charge must hold a pack holiday licence or have or be working towards a Going Away Licence

An A5 size stamped addressed envelope should be sent with all correspondence.

Midlothian Pack Holiday Adviser

Mrs E Jones
7 Kippielaw Drive
Dalkeith
Midlothian EH22 4HT
0131 660 4135

Midlothian Camp Adviser

Ms Carol Goodsir
37Newbattle Abbey Crescent
Dalkeith EH22 3LN
Email. Carol_1985@hotmail.co.uk
Tel. 07940 034646



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Badges

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Reminder to all users of the Brownie House

What you need to do before you leave the Brownie House.
There is a tick off list provided for you to ensure this is carried out attached to the free standing notice board in dining room along with a meter reading sheet.

- Clean all the toilets/showers empty hair catchers and empty bins.
- Defrost and clean the fridge and leave switched off with door left open. Empty the freezer but leave switched on.
- Clean the cooker.
- Clean out the dishwasher.
- Empty kettles and toaster
- Empty all the bins in kitchen/dining room and bedrooms and play room.
- Dispose of rubbish-put rubbish in bags and put them in the Bin provided in the Bin Store in the courtyard. Blue bin - recycling rubbish must not be in bags.
- Wheel the bins up to the gate before you leave so they can be emptied by the bin men.
- Ensure all tables are left clean no paint or glue. Suggest using newspapers to cover (please provide your own)
- If you have any wet/soiled bedding please use the laundry facilities early enough to have it washed and dried before checking out
- Hoover and sweep all floors

Along with the checking out guider-

- Count and record crockery and cutlery in dining room and kitchen drawers to ensure there are enough for the next incoming group.
- Read and record the meter readings on pink sheet

Please leave the house as you would expect to find it. Thank you.

Accommodation Maximum of 30, please do not exceed this number.
We Do have a shower and toilet suitable for disabled people but we DO NOT have specialised equipment such as hoists, changing mats or a Lift to the upstairs craft room

Bedrooms

One dormitory with 8 bunk beds, (sleeping 16)

One dormitory with 3 bunk beds (sleeping 6) This dorm has en-suite shower & toilet facilities

One room with 2 bunk beds (sleeping 4)

Two double rooms with single beds (sleeping 2 in each room)

Separate guiders toilet & shower

All beds are supplied with a mattress, pillow and covered duvet. There are storage boxes under the big dorm beds.

Bathroom facilities -Our Washroom has 4 basins and shower cubicles 1 for disabled use - 5 lavatories - 1 for disabled use - all these are located along corridor leading to large dorm.

Kitchen, Dining Room, Guiders Sitting Room, Laundry Room with washing machine and tumble drier and sink. Upstairs, Playroom/Craft room, Activity Cupboard, cloakroom and toilet.

Equipment

The house is equipped with all essential equipment for an indoor holiday, including cooking utensils, kitchen equipment, large fridge, microwave and freezer. An inventory of equipment is found in the house.

The following are not provided.-First-Aid Equipment.

Washing and cleaning cloths, oven gloves, dish towels, toilet paper, bed sheets & pillowcases, and house cleaning service.

Bedding

All visitors are asked to bring 2 sheets and a pillow case, or a sleeping bag, a single fitted sheet and a pillow case. In colder weather at the start of the season sleeping bags are best as well as hot water bottles. Soft shoes should be worn in the house.

Campfire use: If Guides are on the campsite, please liaise with the Guide Guider if you want to use the campfire site or have a joint campfire. Please clean out the fire pit once it has cooled down.

ALL ARRIVALS

STRICTLY NO PARENTAL ACCESS DOWN DRIVEWAY BEFORE 6PM UNLESS DISABLED BLUE BADGE HOLDER. PARKING ALLOWED IN THE DESIGNATED AREA BESIDE THE BROWNIE HOUSE ONLY.

- Parents arriving with Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and other groups before 6pm must park in signed drop off area.
- Parents are allowed 1 hour free parking in assigned drop off area- but if planning to stay longer then you must park in the public car park area where there is a £2 charge and walk down with luggage. Clearly sign posted at top of drive
- Wheeled luggage would be an advantage.

ALL DEPARTURES

- Parents must park at the drop off car park at top of drive which is free of charge for 1 hour
- If planning to stay longer than 1 hour in park please use the public car park area where there is a £2 charge and walk down the drive and collect their children and luggage.

Access down the drive after 6pm for everyone but speed limit is no more than 10miles per hour - please ensure everyone knows and follows this rule.

Checking Out:

A Midlothian Guider will phone first.
A Midlothian Guider will arrive at the house to read the meter and collect all fees. **Please be ready to vacate the building then.** If it is found necessary to pay someone to clean the house after a visit, an extra charge of £50 will be made.

Damage: Any damage to property or equipment or loss of utensils during occupancy of premises will require to be made good by the organisation concerned.

Fire Appliances: There are fire extinguishers at various points in the house and a fire blanket in the kitchen. A fire drill should be carried out on arrival - **THIS IS MANDATORY please sign appropriate column on meter reading sheet to confirm you have carried this out.**

Electricity: 30p per unit. You MUST Read and record meter readings on arrival as well as at the end of your stay or you will be charged from the previous meter reading recorded.

Cooker, water and heating are by electricity.

DOCTORS: NHS 24 tel 111

Contact the Surgery, Main Street Pathhead.
01875 320302 9am-5pm Mon -Fri. or NHS 24

The Doctors do not need to be notified beforehand.

Places of Worship:

Church of Scotland - Cranston Church

Roman Catholic - St Mary's Pathhead

Scottish Episcopal - St Mary's Dalkeith

Transport is required to attend any of these churches.