

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Expedition Section.

Expedition / Exploration Camping Area at Birchfield. Upper Rochford. Tenbury Wells. Worcestershire. WR15 8SR

Notes about the area & camping site.

The area of land used by our DEA Training Group belongs to Mr & Mrs D. Arnold, who also live & work at Birchfield House. The area is about 3 miles out of Tenbury Wells off the B 4204 (Worcester Road). The site can be found at G.R 643667 on O.S Map No 138 (Kidderminster & Wyre Forest) 1:50,000 Series.

The area is set in 18 acres of rough farmland, dropping down into a valley with a stream & 3 pools within the area. The camping area is on a north facing grassed slight slop that is well drained. Within the area we also have the use of a very large covered decked barbecue building that is ideal for undercover training sessions & for wet weather alternatives.

The area offers some lovely views over the Worcestershire landscape looking towards the Cleve Hills on the Shropshire boarder. Walking around the area is ideal with gentle rolling hills on both roads & country footpaths.

The land is used for limited sheep farming & the gated / out of bounds areas must be observed at all times. Access into the camping area by vehicles is not permitted however; a special area had been allocated for vehicles off the lane & within a safe compound area.

The site & surrounding area is ideal for Bronze Award Expedition Section, for both training & assessments. It makes an ideal habitat for map & compass work, orienteering, walking skills & general lightweight camping techniques. The area also gives itself good potential for the Exploration Section within The Award.

We must remember that 'The House' of which parts date back to 1550, is a family home for Mr & Mrs Arnold, thus we must at all times respect their privacy, property & respect their land & features.

It is with great thanks to Mr & Mrs Arnold that we have had the offer to use their land, so let us always respect that. Remember that if you cause any damage or get a bad name for your group that may stop others in the future from visiting Birchfield.

Directions by Road.

From the A456 (Bewdley to Leominster Road)
Arrive at Tenbury Well.
Left over River Teme bridge & into Tenbury Well High Street.
In 500 yards take road on left in effect straight ahead (To the right continues High St.)
This is now the B4204 to Worcester.
Pass Swimming Baths & Sports Centre on left
Continue on the road through Upper Rochford Village.
Within 1 mile you will see the sign for Birchfield on left.
Park on the right of drive.

Please respect the area & land as it has taken a long time & negotiations for us to use this area.

David Briscoe.

Award Officer / Assessor.

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