

Park. A warden is only on-site at certain times during the day. Wardens can be contacted during the day and night by phone (land line or mobile).

Contact: Ms Rachel Ingram, 6 Kinver Ave, Kidderminster, Worcestershire, DY11 7HB. Tel: 01562 745402.



Rhydd Covert site, near Kidderminster, can accommodate up to 1,000 campers

**Rough Close, Coventry**

Capable of accommodating 600 campers, this is a site that is undergoing some re-development. There is to be a new 40-bed accommodation block with function hall and storm shelter by the end of April 2002, and a new reception block and crew quarters by November 2001.

At present, activities are limited, but the site has hot water and showers, a providore, on-site warden and pay-phone. It is ideally located for walking on the Heart of England Way, and public transport and shops are only one mile away. The site requires the use of altar fires, but there is a plentiful supply of wood. Open all year round, the site is happy to take Patrols without a Leader.

Contact: City of Coventry Scout County, Rough Close Scout Campsite, Tanners Lane, Coventry, CV7 7DD.

**Warren Oak, Ledbury, Herefordshire**

Closed only during December and January, this site offers comfortable indoor accommodation for 30, and possibly a few more at a push. There is a relatively new toilet block with hot and cold water. The showers are only available to those renting the indoor accommodation, which has its own toilet/shower facilities and a fully-fitted kitchen. Water is supplied to campers at stand taps located at intervals on site, and there is a large supply of wood. The site requires the use of the altar fires provided. On-site facilities for activities include an assault course, pioneering

and table tennis, and Warren Oak is ideally located close to sign-posted footpaths. The Malvern Hills are seven miles away, and the Forest of Dean and the Black Mountains are close enough for a day trip.

The nearest shops and public transport are in Ledbury, three miles away, and Ledbury boasts a swimming pool, outdoor activity centre, several town museums, a farm park and the Cider Trail. Warren Oak has easy access for coaches and allows vans on site for unloading under supervision. The maximum number of campers catered for is approximately 600, in a large open area split by hedging.

Contact: Pete Ashcroft, 3 Piers Close, Malvern, Worcestershire WR14 3JH. Tel: 01684 577347.

**Patshull, Albrighton, West Midlands**

Patshull is a small site of two acres, set on the edge of Shropshire and 15 minutes from the centre of Wolverhampton. It is partly woodland and is edged by a trout stream (alas without trout). The stream runs into a small lake in which there is an island (also part of the site) with a bridge to the shore. There is a new hot-water shower room and toilets (including disabled facilities). There are two main buildings – the Golf House provides sleeping accommodation for 24 and has a well equipped kitchen and the Barn has a large hall, which can be used for wet weather and indoor activities. There are also two camping fields – the small field can accommodate approximately 75 campers and the larger one approximately 125.

Water is piped to several standing taps at the edge of both fields. Altar fires are required for open-fire cooking and

there is plenty of fuel to be found in the wooded areas, as well as pallets from the woodpile. Albrighton town centre is two miles away, where the nearest train station and local shops are located. A large shopping centre can be found in Telford, which is eight miles away. Good walking country can be found at the Long Mynd (45 mins away) and the Wrekin (ten mins away). Nearby attractions include Cosford Aerospace Museum, Ironbridge Gorge and Museums, Midland Motor Museum and the Black Country Museum. On-site activities are limited to archery and pioneering. There is a providore selling a small selection of sweets and drinks, and a warden is on duty every weekend. The site is open all year round.

Contact: Mr and Mrs J Bickley, 63 Alexandra Road, Penn, Wolverhampton, WV4 5UB. Tel: 01902 339059.

**Wrekin Campsite, Little Wenlock, West Midlands**

Situated at the foot of Wrekin Hill, this wooded campsite is open all year round for up to 200 campers. It also offers indoor accommodation for 15 residents. On-site facilities include a toilet block with hot water and showers. The site requires the use of altar fires, except in the camp-fire circle.

Activities offered are abseiling, climbing wall and orienteering, and in the locality there are facilities for canoeing, fishing, ice-skating, swimming, ten-pin bowling and shooting. Among the local places of interest are RAF Cosford and the Ironbridge Gorge. The nearest public transport and local shops are at Wellington.

Contact: Ms S Lacey, 6 Swiftgate, Dothill, Telford, Shropshire. Tel: 01952 260751.



Patshull is a small site of only two acres, and offers brilliant pioneering facilities



The Black Country has some great campsites, offering a wide range of outdoor activities such as abseiling, mountain biking, pioneering, bivouacking and orienteering. The area also offers a number of tourist attractions including Alton Towers, West Midlands Safari Leisure Park, Dudley Zoo and Telford Ice Rink. Set in stunning countryside, many of the camps are open all year round.

