



Girlguiding UK
Blackland Farm

girls in the lead



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2010 ACTIVITY COURSES

***First Aid • Canoe/Kayak • Archery
 Abseiling • Climbing • Bushcraft***

About Girlguiding UK Blackland Farm

Blackland Farm is one of the South East's largest activity centre providing safe and enjoyable activities to a wide variety of people. Many of our customers return each year to sample our unique value for money outdoor adventure.

Owned and run by Girlguiding UK, the largest voluntary youth organisation in the UK, Blackland Farm is a British Canoe Union-approved centre which means that we operate our kayaking and canoeing sessions in accordance with the national governing body for the sport. We also comply fully with the Activity Centres (Young Person's Safety) Act 1995 and Adventure Licensing Regulations 1996 and are registered with the Adventure Activities Licensing Authority.

To maintain our accreditation with both these bodies we have to undergo annual inspections to ensure our standards are maintained.

Our staff are fully trained and qualified with a variety of national governing bodies such as the British Canoe Union, Mountain Leader Training Board and the Grand National Archery Society. As an Investors in People employer all our staff are also encouraged to further their skills knowledge and Blackland Farm provides training and funding towards their development.

Look no further for a safe introduction to outdoor adventure.



Approved Centre
 Registration No. L7250/R0576

Girlguiding UK Blackland Farm has been inspected by the Adventure Activities Licensing Authority and is registered to provide specified activities under the following headings:
 Kayaking, Open Canoeing, Rock Climbing and Abseiling.



History

For over 60 years Blackland Farm has been introducing thousands of young people every year to outdoor activities. In 1993 specific weekend courses were developed with the aim of encouraging young people to further their skills in a chosen activity. Over the last few years this course programme has expanded and we now provide a selection of courses including those for leaders who wish to be involved in the instruction of activities.

What to expect on a Blackland Farm activity course

To help keep our prices as low as possible on most of our courses, we expect that participants camp and bring all their own equipment. Campers will be able to use our communal toilet and shower facilities. If the course is being held in indoor accommodation you will have the full use of the building but please note that it is basic accommodation so you will need to bring all your own bedding and towels. All our courses are run on a self-catering basis - for those based indoors you will have the use of an equipped kitchen to prepare food. You may arrive the evening before the course to avoid travelling early the next morning, but please let us know in advance. Courses start at 9am on the first day and finish at 4pm on the last day unless otherwise stated. The archery courses are longer and may include evening sessions and homework.

In your Confirmation Pack you will find a specific programme for the course you are booked on. Please expect to be kept fairly busy and outdoors, so a packed lunch and water flask are essential for the duration of the course.

Booking procedure

Space is allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis so please book early to avoid disappointment; we advise phoning us ahead for confirmation of space on a course. The booking form and full payment should reach us at least four weeks before the first day of the course. Upon receipt of your booking we will send out a Confirmation Pack with details of your course including directions and what equipment you should bring. If you cancel within two weeks of the course dates we reserve the right to withhold all money paid to us, however we will judge each case separately. In the event that we cancel the course, for instance due to lack of numbers, your money will be refunded in full.

Group bookings

If you are making a booking for more than ten people on any one course one place will be provided free of charge. For larger groups it is possible to book our main campsites or lodges subject to availability. These will be subject to extra charge.

Events for Girlguiding UK members only

As well as a range of courses open to everyone we also run a range of events just for Girlguiding UK members, these include:

- *Spring BP Challenge* April 17th - April 18th
 - *Open Day* April 25th
- (For Leaders to visit the site, ask questions, and try activities)
- *Kayak/Canoe Camp (age 14+)* Aug 16th - Aug 20th
 - *Multi Adventure Camp (age 14+)* Aug 16th - Aug 20th
 - *Summer BP Challenge* Sept 4th - Sept 5th
 - *Winter BP Challenge* Nov 27th - Nov 28th

Please look on our website or contact the office for further details.

The Grand National Archery Society (GNAS) Archery Leaders Award

This award is for those who intend to lead archery classes at an introductory level, and are over 17 years of age. The qualification is the minimum requirement for supervising archery within Girlguiding UK and the Scout Association. No previous experience is required, however it is hoped that those attending have a genuine interest in the introduction of the sport. The course is run by a GNAS coach and lasts for four days, with the assessment on the last day. During the course there may be some evening sessions. All courses run on a self-catering basis with camping/indoor accommodation provided free of charge. **Completed booking forms must be returned four weeks before the start of the course.**

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| GNAS | Mar 29 th - April 1 st | Camping | £260 |
| GNAS | April 6 th - April 9 th | Camping | £260 |
| GNAS | July 24 th - July 25 th & July 31 st - Aug 1 st | Camping | £260 |
| GNAS | Oct 2 nd - Oct 3 rd & Oct 9 th - Oct 10 th | Accommodation | £260 |

British Canoe Union One Star tests (in Canoes and Kayaks)

This course is suitable for complete beginners. It covers the basic techniques of paddlesport. It is hoped that most participants will gain their one star. Please note the minimum age is 16 years old and participants should be confident in the water.

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| BCU One | May 23 rd | £50 |
| BCU One | June 27 th | £50 |

British Canoe Union Two Star tests (in Canoes and Kayaks)

This course is suitable for those who have their one star or previous experience in paddlesport. It is hoped that most participants will gain their two star. Please note the minimum age is 16 years old and participants should be confident in the water.

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| BCU Two | Aug 22 rd | £50 |
| BCU Two | Sept 26 th | £50 |

Girlguiding UK and British Red Cross First Aid

(Girlguiding UK and Scout Association members only)

The one-day course covers both First Response training and the British Red Cross Basic First Aid syllabus. The two-day course covers the British Red Cross Practical First Aid certificate; it provides the necessary first aid skills for Girlguiding UK Leaders who wish to deliver First Response.

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| First Aid | Oct 2 nd | £50 |
| First Aid | Oct 9 th | £50 |

Booking form

Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____

Daytime Tel: _____

I understand that adverse weather conditions, staff availability or lack of numbers may make it necessary to alter or cancel the course on short notice.

For those applying for a BCU course:

I confirm that I can swim 50m wearing a buoyancy aid

I agree to abide by the booking conditions stated herein.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Carer if under 18:

Date: _____

Girlguiding UK Climbing and Abseiling Training Scheme

This scheme is for all those who seeking qualification to supervise climbing and abseiling sessions with Girlguiding UK members. Level 1 is for those who wish to lead groups on climbing walls and abseil towers. Level 2 is on single-pitch crags with in-situ protection. Full details of the scheme are available on the Girlguiding UK website or on request from Girlguiding UK. Please note that the minimum age for training and assessment is 18 years of age. For Level 1 assessments please contact Blackland Farm, for Level 2 assessments please contact Girlguiding UK CHQ.

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| <i>Level 1 Training</i> | <i>Jan 9th-Jan 10th</i> | <i>Indoor Accommodation</i> | <i>£100</i> |
| <i>Level 2 Training</i> | <i>Feb 20th-Feb 21st</i> | <i>Indoor Accommodation</i> | <i>£100</i> |
| <i>Level 1 Training</i> | <i>Nov 6th - Nov 7th</i> | <i>Indoor Accommodation</i> | <i>£100</i> |

Beginners rock climbing

This course is suitable for complete beginners. It covers the basic techniques of climbing and abseiling. The course is a more in-depth look at skills and techniques that would be used on a Blackland Farm 'taster session'. Please note the minimum age is 10 years old.

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| <i>Beginners Rock Climbing</i> | <i>May 9th</i> | <i>£50</i> |
| <i>Beginners Rock Climbing</i> | <i>June 13th</i> | <i>£50</i> |

Improvers rock climbing

This course is suitable for those over 14 years of age who have attended the beginners course or have previous experience. It covers the basic techniques of climbing and abseiling. This course is designed to give you the skills to go climbing with a friend.

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| <i>Improvers Rock Climbing</i> | <i>Aug 29th</i> | <i>£50</i> |
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Bushcraft days at Blackland Farm

Spend the day in the woods learning a range of survival and bushcraft techniques. Activities may include animal tracking, shelter building or fire lighting. The day will vary depending on the group size. Expect to be outside whatever the weather!

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| <i>Bushcraft</i> | <i>April 11th</i> | <i>£50</i> |
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Introduction to Map reading

A chance to learn basic map-reading techniques, how to use a compass, orientate a map and judge distance. You can test yourself at the end of the day on our short orienteering course

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| <i>Map reading</i> | <i>Oct 24th</i> | <i>£50</i> |
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I enclose payment of £_____ (Cheques to be made payable to 'The Guide Association'.)

| Course name | No. of places | Date | Any prior experience |
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All information provided on this form will be stored securely on the Girlguiding UK event booking system FATS in line with the Data Protection Act 1998, and protected against unlawful or unauthorised use. It is the policy of Girlguiding UK that all personal information will only be used for guiding purposes and will never be passed on to a third party.