



**Midlothian Guiding  
Vogrie Country Park  
GOREBRIDGE  
Midlothian EH23 4NU**

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# **VOGRIE BROWNIE HOUSE**

## **2012**



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

## **Swimming Pools**

Bonnyrigg Leisure Centre 0131 663 7579  
King George V Park  
Bonnyrigg

Loanhead Leisure Centre 0131 440 4516  
King George V Park  
Loanhead

Newtongrange Leisure Centre 0131 663 4276  
Main Street  
Newtongrange.

## **Places of Interest**

Crichton Castle  
Pathhead  
Midlothian

Rosslyn Chapel and Apprentice Pillar 0131 440 2159  
Roslin  
Midlothian

Scottish Mining Museum  
Newtongrange

Museum of Flight 01620 88308  
East Fortune  
Athelstaneford  
East Lothian (See Concord

**Vogrie Brownie House  
Midlothian\_Guide Training Centre  
Vogrie Country Park  
Gorebridge  
Midlothian EH23 4NU**

**Telephone:** coin operated 01875 820019

Thank you for considering a visit to Vogrie for your 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 should take the A 68 south east from Dalkeith. 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. They should be posted through the Brownie House letter box on departure.

## Booking Arrangements

[www.vogrie-brownies.co.uk](http://www.vogrie-brownies.co.uk)

[email vogrie-brownies@hotmail.com](mailto:vogrie-brownies@hotmail.com)

Bookings can be made with Secretary, from 1 September for the following year.

Mrs Mary Sturrock, 325 Cameron Crescent  
Poltonhall, Bonnyrigg EH19 2PL

Tel. 0131 663 5907

The house is open from March to November.

## 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:

A non returnable deposit of £50 to be sent with booking form (for both weekends and weeks holidays).

There will be a £80 cancellation fee for any Guider 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 all Units

£8.00 per person - per night - for non -guiding people

To be paid at end of holiday.

Give your cheque to the checking out Guider who will post to:

Ms Sarah Henderson. Asst. Treasurer

71/4 Comiston Rd. Edinburgh EH10 6AG.

All Cheques are made payable to:

**VOGRIE BROWNIE TRAINING CENTRE**

## 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 and 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](http://www.tesco.com) Stating clearly the address as the BROWNIE HOUSE, Midlothian Guide Training Centre, Vogrie Country Park, Gorebridge EH23 4NU

## **Vogrie Souvenir shop:**

Small souvenirs, badges, and Vogrie stationery 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.

## **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 outwith the bounds of the Brownie House

### **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 is holding a Test Holiday. 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 Linda Laidlaw  
49 Polton Street  
Bonnyrigg  
Midlothian EH19 3DD  
0131 654 0168

### **Accommodation.**

Maximum of 30, please do not exceed this number.  
Two dormitories with bunk beds, (sleeping 16 and 6)  
One room with 2 bunk beds (sleeping 4)  
Two double rooms with single beds

All beds are supplied with a mattress, pillow and covered duvet. There are storage boxes under the big dorm beds. Washroom with 4 basins and shower cubicles -1 for disabled use - 5 lavatories - 1 for disabled use. 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.

Following are not provided.-First-Aid Equipment.  
Washing and cleaning clothes, dish towels and toilet paper.  
Bed sheets, House Cleaning service.

### **Bedding**

All visitors are asked to bring 2 sheets and a pillow case, or a sleeping bag 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.

## **Reminder to ALL Guiders**

### **What you need to do before you leave the Brownie House**

- Clean all the toilets/showers 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.
- Empty kettles and toaster
- Empty all the bins in kitchen/dining room and bedrooms and play room.
- Dispose of all rubbish, black sacks can be put in wheelie bins by Council Garage.
- Ensure all tables are left clean
- If you have any wet/soiled bedding please use the laundry facilities early enough to have it washed and dried before checking out  
Along with the checking out guider-
- Count and record crockery and cutlery in dining room and kitchen drawers
- Read and record the meter readings

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

**Notes:** Vogrie Park gates are locked at sunset, please indicate on booking form if you are arriving late so arrangements can be made to send you a set of keys.

**A weekend** is normally from a Friday after 2pm until a Sunday afternoon (advise us when confirming booking –your planned time of departure)

The house can be booked for **a week long holiday**. Units arriving after 2.00pm and leaving at the end of the week by 12 noon

The Brownie play area (if Guides are on the campsite) is to the left of the Brownie House, a large grassy area. Campfires can be lit in the Guide campfire area. Please collect your own wood and clear out the campfire after 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.

**NO PETS PLEASE AT BROWNIE HOUSE**

**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 £25 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**

**Electricity: 30p per unit. You need to Read meter on arrival as well as at the end of your stay**

Cooker, water and heating are by electricity. There is an open fire in the sitting room on which it is intended that wood collected by Units should be burned

**DOCTORS: NHS 24.....08454 24 24 24**

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.



**ARRIVALS FRIDAYS PLEASE DRIVE**  
**Speed limit \*\* no Faster Than\*\* - 10 MPH.**

- Guiders arriving on Fridays at any time to set up camp and pack holiday, collect **Council Passes at Golf Starters Box** and post back into Golf Starters box at **end** of holiday. This gives you free access at all time throughout your holiday. There are 8 passes available.
- There will be a list of all holiday dates and names in the Golf Starters box
- Parents, Brownies and Guides arriving on Fridays at **6pm** will have vehicular access driving right down to the Brownie House.
- If barrier closed press the entry button on post by barrier and say “Brownie House”
- Mini and small bus arrivals all permitted to drive down to Brownie House, collect pass at Golf Hut at barrier.
  - Parents arriving with Brownies/ Guides before 6pm must park in top car park, we are allowed 1 hour free parking in the Staff car park but if planning to stay longer then you must park in the public car park area and pay £1 and walk down with luggage, clearly sign posted at top of drive. Wheeled luggage would be an advantage.

**DEPARTURES SUNDAYS**

**Please remember the speed limit allowed on the drive**

- Parents can Park at **top staff car park**, by the walled garden, free of charge for 1 hour,  
**If they are planning to stay longer than 1 hour in park please use the public car park area where you pay a £1 and walk down the drive and collect Brownies and Guides. Sign post at top of drive.**
- **No access for any parent by car on Sundays** between 2-5pm, this is the busiest time in park; **COUNCIL** risk assessment says a definite **NO** as an accident could happen.
- If the barrier is up at the top of the drive vehicular access is permitted right down to Brownie House /Campsite at any time.
- Access after 6pm at all times for everybody.
- **Guiders checking out collect pass at Golf starters Box and hand back on leaving. Please display Essential Users pass on car if you have one.**

Judy Strong  
Vogrie Brownie House Committee Chair.

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