



Beaudesert Park

Campsite and Activity Centre

Welcome to Beaudesert Park

This brochure is designed to answer all your questions. If you have any further questions or would like to make a booking, please either see our website www.beaudesert.org or contact the office by phone on 01543 682278, or e-mail at info@beaudesert.org.

The reception is open daily from 9.00am – 4.30pm, and from 9.00am – 8pm Friday.

The Beaudesert Trust - Own and manage Beaudesert Park, relying solely on user fees for funding. A small and dedicated team of staff work on the site, with the aim of making your stay pleasant and enjoyable.

Beaudesert welcomes you if you are a young people's group – this includes Youth Organisations, such as Scouts and Guides, Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Youth Clubs, and schools, colleges and university groups. A managed Access Policy ensures the safety of our young users.

Within our Managed Access Policy we also welcome Leader Training, Princes Trust groups and groups focusing on the Heritage and Conservation of Beaudesert.

Where is Beaudesert?

Beaudesert Park is in the Cannock Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in Staffordshire. Set on Cannock Chase, adjacent to Castle Ring Iron Age Hill fort, Beaudesert with its historic parkland and wooded areas, is rural, yet is less than 3 miles from the nearest supermarket, and only 6 miles from the Cathedral city of Lichfield. For a location map please visit our web-site www.Beaudesert.org .

Beaudesert is open all year round, except Christmas day and Boxing Day. Sheltered camping is popular in the walled garden whilst our heated buildings are popular during the cooler months. During our busiest weeks in the summer, we can't accept weekend bookings for campsites as these are held for groups wishing to book longer camps. Please check your requirements during these dates or for the Christmas period with the office.

Accommodation & camping

Beaudesert Park Campsite offers four types of indoor accommodation:

- Fully equipped, heated buildings with beds;
- Heated buildings with fully equipped kitchens and no beds;
- Heated buildings with unequipped kitchens and no beds;
- Unheated buildings with beds only

For those who want more space and freedom, we have 38 different camping sites, set in open grassland or woodland areas, which can be booked individually or as multiples to form larger areas. The maximum capacity for each campsite has been calculated to include plenty of space for tents as well as ample space for games and activities.

Please see our separate guide for detailed information on campsites and buildings.

Charging policy:

Overnight charges are per 24 hours or part thereof

Equipped buildings containing beds are charged per building per 24 hours or part thereof, and include site fees up to the maximum capacity of the building, for the 24 hour period

Site fees are additional to building fees for non-equipped buildings with beds (The Hut) and buildings without any beds

Overnight camping is charged per person



Day visitors who require a campsite as a base are charged as overnight campers

Camps of up to 1500 people can be accommodated, with discounts for groups of 400 or more campers. There is an ample supply of firewood in the woodlands for cooking. The ground on site is predominantly peat beds and easily set alight – therefore campers are required to use altar fires which can be booked at no extra charge - from reception. A limited number of sites have concrete firebases available.

Activities at Beaudesert

Beaudesert Park Campsite offers a safe environment for challenging outdoor activities and educational experiences. You can enjoy a day of activities, a weekend camping experience or a longer stay incorporating some of the activities available. We can help you to create a suitable program for your stay.

We have something to suit every budget and every residential experience! Whether you're running a 'survival style' camp or an event for over 1,000, we have the ideal site and range of activities for you.

From beginners to experts, residential guests or day visitors, we have a number of challenging and fun activities for you. You'll be busy from sun rise to sun set enjoying activities such as archery, raft building, climbing, abseiling, zip wire and Jacobs ladder. Take a look at our activity leaflet for details on instructor-led and non instructor-led activities including prices and booking information.



Activity instructors can be provided for all self-led activities for an extra charge. Please discuss your requirements with the office.

All our activities are suitable for children from 6 years upwards, unless stated otherwise. Our activity session times are designed to give your group time to move between sessions. Please see the activity leaflet for information on group numbers, minimum age requirements and activity specific information.

Activities currently offered include:

Archery	The Eliminator	Low ropes
Abseiling	Traverse Wall	Pioneering
Aerial runway	Via Ferrata	Pedal go-karts
Jacobs Ladder	Survival Course	Treasure hunt
Crate stacking	Parachute Games	Greasy pole
Tree climbing	Lawn Games	Orienteering
Climbing wall	Beaver Trail	Animal or picture orienteering
Coracling	Pyrography	Initiative exercises
Raft building	Rock Climbing (offsite)	Assault course
Survival courses		Geocaching
Circus skills		Crazy golf and Frisbee golf
Rifle shooting		Metal Detecting
Shelter Building		Mini Beast Safari
Monkey Trees		Clay Modelling

Site facilities and services

Beaudesert Park offers a wide range of facilities to support users. Information on all of these can be found in the campsite reception, at the top of the main car park.

Reception:

The reception is open daily, and later on Fridays. Our friendly Reception staff are there to help and we will do our best to help. Services include:

- ❖ Bookings for campsites and activities
- ❖ Bookings for Altar Fires
- ❖ Information on activities both on and offsite
- ❖ Directions to shops and other places of interest
- ❖ Calor gas refills*
- ❖ Mobile phone recharging*
- ❖ Photocopies*
- ❖ Tumble drier cards*
- ❖ Directions to doctors and hospitals
- ❖ Activity badge information
- ❖ BBQ Centre bookings
- ❖ Campfire hollow bookings

*There is a charge for these services

Shop (Providore):

The providore sells a variety of sweets, drinks, ice creams, souvenirs and gifts, as well as essentials. The shop also sells a large stock of leather goods made onsite in Beaudesert Leather Craft, including Scout and Guide Woggles, which can be custom made. From May to October, a notice in the shop window gives an indication of opening times, whilst from November through to April, the shop is opened by prior arrangement with the group leader.

Camp noticeboard:

Located outside the Site Office, the noticeboard is the best place to find out up to date information on the services offered onsite. Please note mobile phone reception onsite is poor.

BBQ Centre:

The BBQ centre is opposite the reception, and is available to be booked by any site user. Please book through reception. No additional charge is made for this facility.

Outdoor chapel:

There are two outdoor chapels onsite. Please see the site map for locations.

Conservation and the environment:

Beaudesert presents a fantastic opportunity to get involved in conservation or heritage work or study. We welcome groups wishing to help out with on site conservation – from our Woodland Study Trail (with Tree Identification, Glades, Wetland and Pond-dipping) to clearance and tree planting.

The historic parklands offers the chance to pursue Heritage interests from the ruins of Beaudesert Hall to Castle Ring, from the Walled Garden to the landscape features of the park and cascades.

Please discuss this with the Estate Manager in advance of your stay.

Campfire Hollow:

A magnificent amphitheatre in a natural woodland setting providing seating for 1000. Groups may organise their own campfire or other event by booking the campfire hollow at reception. Alternatively, you may participate in events and campfires arranged by the Service Teams.

Toilet blocks

There are three onsite toilet blocks – one opposite Chantrey House, one close to Owls Nest (The Everett block) and the third is on the outside of the walled garden, along from the providore. Each toilet block has toilets, showers and wash basins. There are separate leaders' facilities in two of the blocks. All showers and sinks have hot running water. No extra charge is made for these facilities.

Caravans:

Limited facilities for caravans are available. Please discuss your requirements with the Estate Manager. No caravans should be brought onto site without prior notice. Trailer tents are welcome but must be pushed onto the grass.

Access:

Vehicle access is provided near to most sites.

Vehicles MUST NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES be driven onto the grass.

Booking conditions, your commitment to Beaudesert and ours to you

Forward planning:

Group organisers are welcome to visit the site to discuss their requirements with the site staff. Please contact reception in advance, and sign in at reception on arrival. Arrangements for advance pitching must be made with the reception staff during the week before your arrival.

Bookings:

You may make a provisional booking which will be held for 4 weeks or until a deposit is paid to secure your booking. Deposits are neither refundable or transferable. There are 4 ways to book:

1. Phone - your booking will be provisionally made and a booking form will be sent for you to sign and return with the appropriate deposit
2. E mail - your booking will be provisionally made and a booking form will be sent for you to sign and return with the appropriate deposit.
3. Online via the website – you will be asked to accept the terms and conditions of the site. A provisional confirmation e mail will be issued to you within 24 hours.
4. In person – you will be asked to sign the terms and conditions, and a provisional confirmation letter will be issued to you.

Camp etiquette & rules

Like any well run establishment, there are rules at Beaudesert. They are kept to a necessary minimum and are designed to enhance your enjoyment of all we have to offer. A full set is issued with all bookings at Beaudesert and they are available to view on our website.

Quiet site policy:

Included in our rules is the quiet site policy. All campsite users and visitors are asked to respect the privacy and boundaries of other camp users and residents by restricting noise, movement of vehicles and activities after 10.30pm and before 7am. Campers who do not comply with this may be asked to leave the site.

Dogs:

Please inform all participants and parents that dogs must not be brought onto site. This is a requirement of the Local Authority.

Camp site rules

Site rules exist to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all groups onsite. If you have any problems during your stay, please contact the Estate Manager to discuss your concerns.

ARRIVAL - All groups must book in at the camp reception before unloading or pitching tents.

CAMP FEES – Full camp fees must be paid at the camp reception before groups leave the site.

DEPARTURE – All groups must have the site and/or accommodation inspected before leaving.

VEHICLES – Vehicles are not allowed on camping areas. Please ensure that leaders and parents are informed that only vehicles carrying equipment may be unloaded and loaded on the site roads – personal gear can be carried to and from the designated car parks. A 15mph maximum speed limit is in force at all times.

ACCIDENTS – All accidents and injuries requiring offsite medical attention must be reported to the reception without delay.

FIRE PLACES – No ground fires should be lit except in designated areas. Altar fires are available for loan.

WET PITS – No pits are to be dug. Please use drainage bags.

TREES – No felling or cutting of trees without authority from the Estate Manager.

DOGS and HORSES – Are not permitted on the site. Please ensure parents dropping off or collecting young people are made aware of this.

SECURITY – Managers and Service Teams carry out security checks. Site users are asked to be vigilant at all times and to report concerns to the Reception or the Service Team as necessary.

LITTER – All site users are asked to KEEP BEAUDESERT TIDY. Please ensure that waste is placed in bags before putting in the waste bins. Smokers are requested to dispose of cigarette ends in designated smoking bins and not on the grass or floor.

NO SMOKING POLICY - In the interests of safety and hygiene, and to comply with UK law, there is no smoking in any of the buildings on site, or within 5 metres of any building. Smokers are requested not to smoke in view of young people.

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ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT – No generators are allowed on site, and any electrical equipment brought to site must have a current PAT certificate.

Please note that The Beaudesert Trust accepts no responsibility whatsoever for any loss, damage or injury sustained whilst on the premises of The Beaudesert Trust in connection with any activity organised and run by site users.

Site courses and events

Join us for one of our special events! Throughout the year, there are different events, courses and trips run by the site.

During the busy weeks in the summer, we put on day trips, competitions and extra activities for groups staying on site to take part in.

Full details for all the events, including booking forms, can be found on the website or by calling the office.

Friends of Beaudesert

The Friends of Beaudesert was founded to support Beaudesert Trust in meeting its charitable objectives. To help maintain and enhance the fabric of buildings and to protect the natural and historic environment.

Members are invited to two organised strolls per year, in addition to the annual carol service.

There are 4 categories of membership:

- Life
- Corporate
- Family (2 adults and 2 children under 16)
- Individual

Membership application forms and details of current fees can be obtained from reception.