



Know Before You Go

We're looking forward to seeing you all at Gilwell Park for the 100th Reunion!

Even if you've attended before, things may have changed, so please make sure you read through the full information pack. If you have any questions or need any help, please get in touch through email to gilwell.reunion@scouts.org.uk and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.

Preparing to Arrive

- **Download the App**

This year, we have a Gilwell Reunion 2026 app to access all the information you need, book workshops, view the map, keep up to date with the Reunion Express and bring you live updates during the event. The app is available for both [Android](#) and [iOS](#) - download it before the event to stay up-to-date and make the most of your time at Reunion.

The Event Code is "100"

- **Register your Vehicle**

Are you bringing your vehicle to the event? To save time on arrival and support our traffic team you can [pre-register your vehicle](#).

Arrivals and Departures

- **Arrival**

Gilwell Park will be open from 13:00 on Friday for arriving vehicles. There'll be a one-way system in operation with areas marked for parking and drop-off. Entry to Gilwell Park will be via the Branchet Field back gate.

Address

Gilwell Park, Bury Road, Chingford, E4 7QW

What3words

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Vehicles will be parked this year onsite and off site at Chingford Plains Carpark [audit.stick.radio](#). Once you have arrived to site and dropped off any kit and passengers you will be directed by the Traffic Management Team to where you will be parked for the duration of your stay.

Our Traffic Management team will be there to help throughout arrival and departure. Please listen to their instructions and be patient with us. Accessible parking is pre-booked only. Whether parked onsite or being dropped off by the shuttle bus from our offsite parking you may still be a significant distance from your pitch, so please be prepared. Whilst this doesn't include Gilwell Park itself, you may drive through the ULEZ when visiting us, please [Check before you travel](#).

The peak arrival time is between 16:00 – 21:00 on Friday. During this time we'll move thousands of people and equipment, so please be patient with us! We'll only finish working when everyone is in the right place. The centre is likely to appear chaotic (in reality it's a highly orchestrated and well-practiced manoeuvre!) so please follow instructions and listen to our teams carefully. When the off-site car park is full it will be locked and will only be opened for vehicles to exit by request with the Traffic Management Team.

- **Shuttle Bus and arriving by Public Transport**

We are about a 20 minute walk from Chingford Station, where you can get the overground (Weaver Line) with connections to the Victoria Line and other underground services. **Shuttle buses will run from Chingford Overground Station and the Chingford Plains Carpark to Gilwell Park.** The shuttle bus will be based at the stop on Branchet car park at what3words location [///charge.froze.hooks](#) and will be operating as per the timetable below. Shuttle runs from hotels and station etc, will be booked directly with the traffic manager.

Time	Shuttle buses
Friday 9:30 - 23:50	Shuttle buses run continuously between Chingford Station, Chingford Plains Carpark and Gilwell Park. Please wait in the car park at the front of the station for the next bus.
Saturday 07:30 - 10:00	Shuttle buses will run continuously until 10 am, and the on-demand service will run from 10:00 - 20:00. Please call the Traffic Management team 15 minutes beforehand on 023 8144 0206.
Sunday 08:00 - 09:30	Shuttle buses run continuously between Chingford Station, Chingford Plains Carpark and Gilwell Park..
Sunday 9:30 - 15:00	On demand from the site or until the site it's clear.

Outside of these times the shuttle will be available on demand subject to operational needs and availability of drivers.

- **Check-in**

Check-in will be located at Scout Adventures Reception located within the Syd Kessler Centre (the what3words is [bunny.hears.select](#)). We'll make sure it's clearly sign-posted so you don't get lost!

Please have your check-in barcode ready, either on your phone or printed. We'll need to scan this to check you in. You must check-in before making your way to the camping fields.

Check-in will be open from 13:00 – 22:00 on Friday and from 08:00 on both Saturday and Sunday.

If you have an outstanding balance on your booking, please be ready to pay by card. Unfortunately, we're not able to accept payment by cash or cheque.

Each person will be given a wristband which must be worn throughout the event, and our team may check this for security purposes.

Everyone will also receive a Gilwell Reunion 2026 badge, and a plastic cup to use throughout the weekend. All Gilwell Reunion 2026 merchandise will be available [from the Scout Store website](#) or at our Tuck Shop in Camp Square.

No tickets will be available to purchase on the day and must be bought in advance subject to availability.

- **Departure**

We expect the majority of attendees to depart from 13:00 after the Gilwell Reunion programme ends. We kindly ask that everyone departs Gilwell Park by 15:00. Again, there'll be a one-way system in place with vehicles exiting via the Main Drive. There'll be a pick-up area accessed via the Branchet Field back gate. **There isn't availability for anyone to stay past 15:00 on Sunday or overnight until Monday.**

Staying On-site

- **Pre-camping** (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday arrival)

All vehicles will be parked on-site. Please only park in allocated areas and follow our traffic team's instructions.

You can check-in for pre-camping from 09:00 - 17:00 on your booked arrival date at Scout Adventures reception (the what3words is [bunny.hears.select](#)) or the following morning. Outside of these times, all gates will be locked and reception won't be staffed.

- **Camping Space** (Friday arrival)

If you prefer a quiet night and you're an early riser, we recommend camping in one of our early bird areas. If you're planning to be up late and you're after a lie in, please pitch your tents in one of our night owl areas. We'll also have a solo camping area for anyone coming by themselves who'd like to meet up with others. You can find these marked on the event map. **After completing your check-in, make your way to your chosen zone, and our Camping Space team will direct you to the next available pitch.** Look out for them wearing an attractive high-vis jacket! Please make sure you speak to our Camping Space team before pitching, or they might have to ask you to move if you end up somewhere you're not meant to be.

- **Accessible Camping**

Accessible camping pitches are available in both the Night Owls and Early Bird camping areas. On arrival, please share your preference with the Camping Space team to ensure you pitch your tent at the right location.

- **Information for all Camping**

- Pitches will be allocated on a first-come-first-serve basis. We can't guarantee that you'll be able to pitch in the same location as you have in the past.
- There is no opportunity for vehicle access to the camping fields. Please plan accordingly and bring equipment you are happy to carry to your pitch or can transport on one of our trolleys.
- Please keep your camp size to a minimum to help us fit everyone in. Please don't erect fences or save space for others arriving later, as we fill areas in a phased manner before opening new ones.
- Please keep paths, marked emergency access and any other zones closed off or signposted clear. Leave a distance of 1m clear between tents, and 3m around caravans, buildings and toilet blocks for emergencies and servicing.

- **Caravan Pitches**

Parking for caravans and campervans is pre-booked only and has now sold out. This will only be available on certain parts of Woodlands. Please agree a location with the Camping Space team before driving onto the field, or we may need to ask you to move. Please note, once your caravan / campervan is on pitch, it won't be movable till Sunday. Please plan accordingly for this. **Any attendees without a campervan or caravan pitch will not be able to stay overnight in either the on-site or off-site car parks, this includes tent boxes.**

- **Staying on site – Manners**

To ensure everyone has an enjoyable stay, please remember the following:

- Everyone's welcome at Scouts – be respectful of other people around you.
- Don't walk through other people's pitches and respect their privacy.
- Washing up should be done in outdoor sinks or at your campsite, not inside toilet blocks.
- Please report any damage or other issues at reception so we can make it safe or fix it.
- Please respect the centre by using the bins and leaving facilities as you found them.
- Generators should be positioned to reduce fumes and noise affecting others.
- Please turn off generators and avoid disturbing others.

During Your Stay

- **Workshop Bookings and Programme**

The Gilwell Reunion 2026 programme will be published online and updated live, so do check back for any changes or last-minute additions.

- **Food Options**

- **Pre-booked Catering**

Pre-booked catering will be provided by our Scout Adventures team in our Adventure Kitchen, located in the CIC building. Although we'll have plenty of food for everyone, all of our food is prepared fresh and some options may run out if they're popular. Mealtimes for the weekend are listed below. To alleviate queueing, we'd ask that you dine during the first hour of each meal slot where possible. We'll be asking our event staff to dine during the second hour of the slot where they can.

- Friday dinner: 18:00 - 20:00
- Saturday breakfast: 07:30 - 09:30
- Saturday lunch: 12:00 - 14:00
- Saturday dinner: 18:00 - 20:00
- Sunday breakfast: 07:30 - 09:30
- Sunday lunch: 11:00 - 13:00

You'll need to bring your ticket barcode with you (on a phone or printed is fine) to be able to access each meal. Our caterers are only able to cater for allergies and the dietary requirements you selected when booking your meals. We are not able to provide for preferences or tastes. To help limit our environmental impact, everyone will be given a Gilwell Reunion plastic cup on check-in to use throughout the weekend. You'll need to have this at our catering, vendors and bar for any drinks.

- **The Food Mile**

This year, to help connect the different areas of site our "Food Mile" is returning. This pathway of tasty treats will take you from camp square through to the CIC with a variety of food vendors available by following the path. At the moment, we've booked vendors providing food options including:

- A coffee shop van, also offering breakfast muffins and pastries
- An ice cream van
- Premium Angus burgers, also offering breakfast baps
- Wood-fired pizzas
- Flatbreads

These vendors will be open throughout the day with no booking necessary. Gilwell Reunion is a cashless site, so don't forget to bring your payment card or device to the queue!

Fries R Us is next to the bar on the Orchard - We will be serving hot dogs and fries at a reasonable price between 20:00 - 23:00 on Friday and 18:00-23:00 on Saturday. Card payments only.

- **Food Deliveries**

These should be directed to what3words location [///charge.froze.hooks](#) to avoid traffic around the Leopard Gates.

- **Entertainment Hub**

This year we're again focusing our entertainment on the training ground, having 1 larger dedicated stage space. This will allow us to have various programmed talks throughout the day as well as more space for our evening programme of Live Music and Silent Disco.

- **Silent Disco**

Disco with a difference - put on the headphones, select your favourite music channel, and dance the night away! Join us in Training Ground for two nights of great music.

- **King's Squiffy Woggle**

Our live music outdoor pub will be located on The Orchard for this year's Reunion. A selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks will be available. Card payments only.

- **Quiz**

Join us for the annual Reunion quiz in the Lid on Saturday night.

Exhibitors

- **Exhibitor Information**

Parking

One vehicle per exhibitor stand will be permitted to drop-off kit this will be at the discretion of the traffic management team and won't be achievable at certain times of day. All other vehicles must follow our usual arrival and parking arrangements. For exhibits at Camp Square or Essex Chase, this will be in The Lid car park. The vehicle must return to the event car park on Branchet Field after dropping off kit. For exhibits on The Training Ground and Orchard, this will be behind the CIC or on Wilson Way. The vehicle must return to the event car park on Branchet Field after dropping off kit.

Set up

We'll be in touch before the event to confirm your exact location.

Exhibitors in Camp Square, in the Lid, on Essex Chase, The Training Ground or The Orchard are welcome to set up between 13:00 - 19:00 on Friday, and again between 08:00 - 09:30 on Saturday and Sunday mornings. You may be required to pack down your stand between days in-line with event contingency plans.

Timings

Exhibits are open from 10:00 - 17:00 on Saturday, and again from 10:00 - 13:00 on Sunday. Please ensure that your stand is open to attendees for the duration of the event.

Safety first

We will reach out to all exhibitors to collect a copy of your risk assessment, Public Liability Insurance (if you're not covered by Scouts PLI) and to ask you to sign our Safeguarding declaration.

Your Zone Leader will be in touch to confirm your workshop locations, timings and the equipment available in the lead up to the event. They'll be able to help you with anything you might need.

Safety and Emergencies

- **Safety**

We strongly advise you to review your fire risk assessment and bring suitable firefighting equipment with you (e.g. a fire blanket and extinguisher) as appropriate. Due to the potential for a high Fire Severity Index rating at the time of the event, we may provide extra guidance closer to the time however here's some tips to reduce the risk:

- **Open fires and BBQs are not permitted.**
- Camping stoves with cartridges must not be changed inside tents or near naked flames.
- All gas bottles should be kept outside of tents and away from naked flames.
- Any cooking equipment should be placed off the floor and away from any canvas or other flammable materials.
- Gas pipes and regulators should be checked regularly as per POR guidance.
- All areas should be kept tidy and free of combustible materials.
- Fuel must be stored safely and in containers no larger than 5 litres. Fuel containers should be stored in a ventilated metal box capable of holding the contents in the event of a leak or spillage.
- Firefighting and prevention equipment (fire extinguishers, fire blankets, water buckets etc) should be located where any cooking equipment and naked flames are being used.

There's a few simple things that you can do to help keep you and others safe during the event:

- If you see anything you think might be a hazard, please report it to a member of staff or at Scout Adventures reception. Be conscious of your own wellbeing and safety, and look out for others.
- Complete a risk assessment for your own camping area and equipment, especially cooking equipment.
- Be prepared! If you're walking around after dark, take a torch.

- **Medical Needs**

Our First Aid team in the White House can store medication securely if you wish and will have a fridge available for medication that needs to be kept cold. It's clearly signposted and on our map. The what3words address is [couple.chefs.torch](#). A charging point for mobility scooters and batteries for medical equipment will be available at The Lid (the what3words is [warns.bats.mouth](#)). Powered pitches were available to book during registration (e.g. for CPAP machines that don't run on battery). These pitches will be located in a designated area and are only available to campers. This helps us to prevent misuse and overloading. We'll try our best to find the rest of your group a pitch nearby.

- **Security**

Please wear your wristband throughout the event.

Keep it friendly if someone asks to see yours – everyone is entitled to check.

This helps us to identify who should, and more importantly who shouldn't be on-site. If you lose your wristband, please make your way to reception and we'll be able to replace this for you. The centre is 108 acres of open land with a public footpath and various access points. Please remain vigilant and report anything suspicious to a member of staff. Keep your valuables at home if you can – and keep anything you do have to bring in-sight or on your person. Don't forget to introduce yourself to your new camping neighbours too.

- **General Information**

- Gilwell Reunion will be a cashless event. We accept all major debit and credit cards, except American Express.
- No pets, other than assistance animals, are permitted on the centre.
- Smoking is only permitted in our designated smoking areas.
- Please drink responsibly.
- Litter bins are located across all areas of the centre, and larger bins on camping fields. Please help us to recycle by putting dry, clean mixed recyclables into the large green bins; food into food waste bins and any other waste in the black bins or litter bins.
- Our toilets and showers will be cleaned regularly by our team, and hand soap and toilet roll is provided. Accessible toilets are available and marked on the event map.
- There are no fridges or freezers available to store food and drink.
- Please be considerate of others wishes when taking photos. No drones may be flown over Gilwell Park without express written permission from the event management team.
- Most networks give good signal at Gilwell Park, and WI-FI is available across much of the centre – the password is Scoutsguest2026! .

- Gilwell Park will return to hosting other groups on the Monday after Reunion, so please help us give a good impression of Scouts by leaving your pitch and other areas of the centre you use as you found them.
- The majority of our event staff are volunteers who have given up their time to make your visit to Gilwell Park safe and enjoyable. Please [keep the Scouts values in mind](#) when interacting with others. We have a zero tolerance approach to any type of abuse – you will be removed from the centre and details shared with your District/County Leads and/or the police.

- **Contact Us On Site**

If you have any problems, questions, feedback or just fancy a chat, Scout Adventures reception will be open throughout the weekend. Reception (what3words is [bunny.hears.select](#)) is clearly sign-posted and marked on the event map, and open during the times below.

- Friday: 08:00 -23:00 (check-in open from 13:00)
- Saturday: 08:00 – 23:00
- Sunday: 08:00 – 15:00

You'll find our staff wearing Scout Adventures uniform.

Duty Manager - Emergencies and urgent out-of-hours only. [0788 576 5074](#)

Report a problem

Bin need emptying? Toilets need cleaning? Spotted a hazard?

[Please use this form](#) to report any hazards or areas which need attention.

- **Emergency Information**

First Aid

The First Aid point will be open throughout the weekend in the White House. It's clearly signposted and on our map. The what3words address for First Aid is [couple.chefs.torch](#).

Defibrillators are located in the staff car park and at Wilson Way car park. The code to access these can be sought from the Duty Manager, and is also recorded with the ambulance service.

In the event of an emergency:

- Immediately inform a member of staff. They will take appropriate action and call for help.
- Follow all directions issued by staff.
- All calls for emergency services should be made by the Duty Manager (0788 576 5074), except where a delay would be life-threatening.

Discovery of a fire:

- Activate the fire alarm or use a fire bell if present and warn people in the area.
- Try to control small fires using fire buckets or an appropriate extinguisher until help arrives. Don't put yourself at risk – if in doubt, leave it alone.
- Evacuate the area immediately.

In the event of a terror attack:

In the event of a terrorist attack, follow the government run, hide, tell advice.

- **RUN** to a place of safety. This is a far better option than to surrender or negotiate. If there's nowhere to go, then...
- **HIDE** It's better to hide than to confront. Remember to turn your phone to silent and turn off vibrate. Barricade yourself in if you can. Then finally and only when it is safe to do so...
- **TELL** the police by calling 999.

Centre Evacuation

In the event of a full evacuation of the centre, staff will marshal you to the chosen Assembly Point using the safest route. Follow their instructions and do not leave the centre until instructed.