



BENTLEY COPSE ACTIVITY CENTRE



SCHOOL RESIDENTIALS

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Why choose Bentley Copse?

We offer a bespoke residential experience unique to your school and students.



Relaxing Atmosphere

We do not host multiple school residencies at the same time thus giving you a more relaxing woodland experience than many larger centres are able to.



Schedule Flexibility

We pride ourselves in the flexibility we can offer. We can operate to rigid schedules or arrange things in a dynamic way during your stay – giving you and your students more choice while you're here, either in which order to experience your booked activities, or to choose the activities and build unique days while you are here.



Focussed Team

We operate with a small core team who will be looking after you during your stay.

Our central team of Nick, Jen, Luke and Ryan are multi-disciplinary professionals and experienced instructors. Together we deliver a fun engaging experience for your students – with it being an easy to manage time for your attending staff.



Affordability

By providing a 50/50 mix of activities that are either run by our instructors or self-led (run by your staff) we can keep the costs lower while keeping an engaging activity schedule.

Our self-led activities can be booked and used outside of other scheduled activity sessions.

You want to wear them out before bed? Take them to the pedal kart track or the adventure course in the evening.



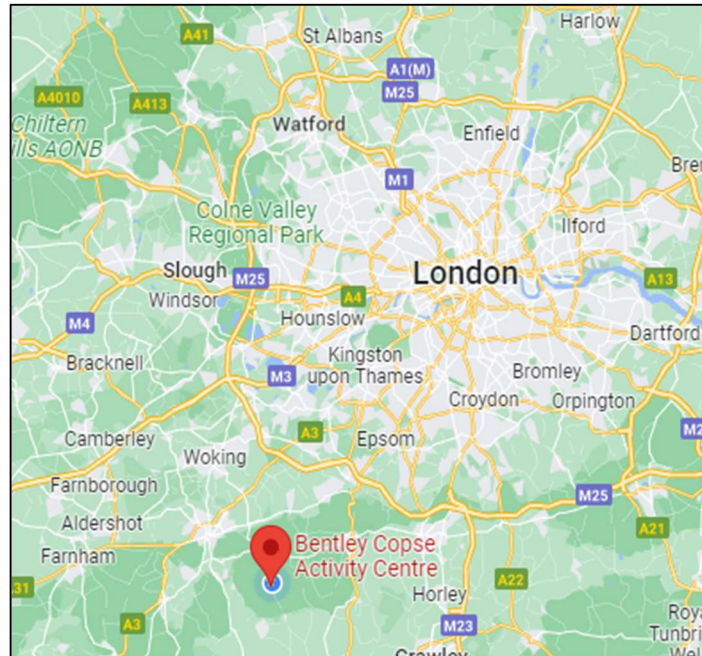
100+ Years Of History

Bentley Copse has been the home of Scouting in Surrey for over century. By constantly evolving and through careful targeted investment it continues to thrive year after year.

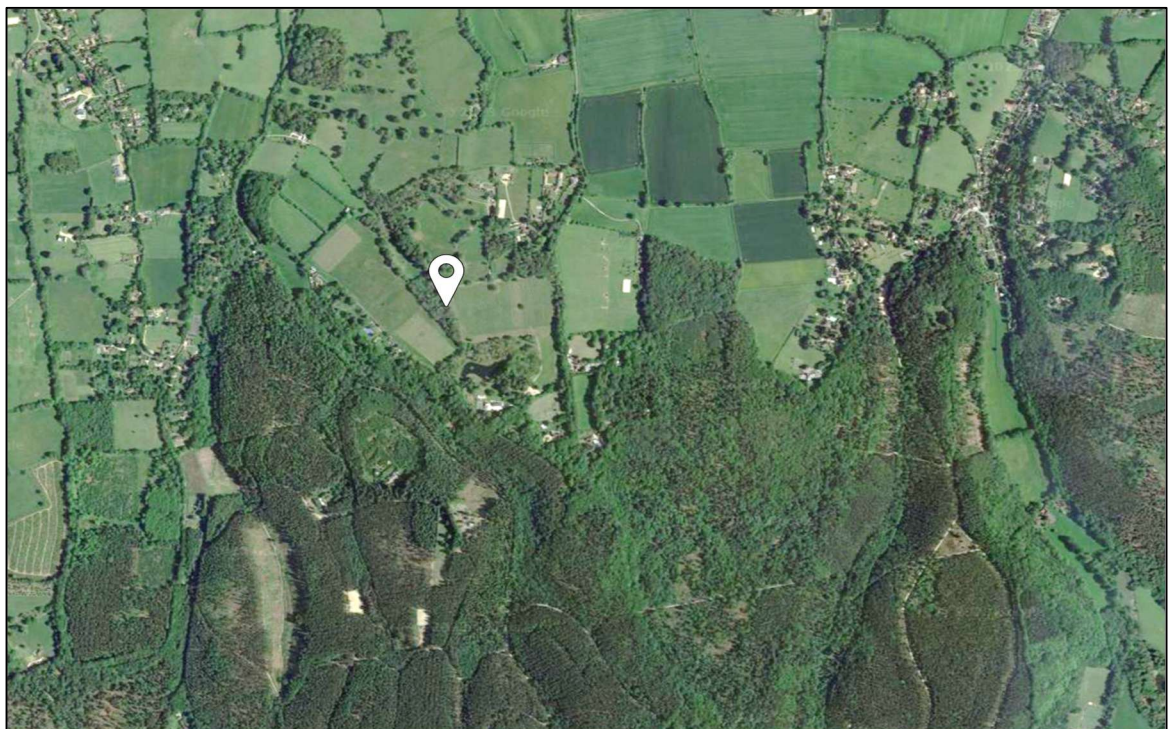
Our Location

We are only thirty minutes from the M25 and fully accessible via coach.

Do follow our coach directions!



Situated in the heart of the Surrey Hills and close to the picturesque villages of Shere and Peaslake, we provide a remote quiet experience away from traffic noise and flight paths.





Accommodation

We provide accommodation for groups of up to one hundred students*.

Dormitories

All groups have access to *Palmer House* our main accommodation building. This provides dormitory accommodation for at least thirty-two students and six staff. It also provides the catering facilities for your group and dedicated toilets and showers.

Camping

Our bell tent camping village can be configured for larger groups and offer a glamping style experience for you and your students.



* Larger groups are potentially possible. We have one school who brings us over two hundred students each year.

Package Options

Two Night

Our most popular package, giving you three days at Bentley Copse. This provides a great balance of excitement and personal development.

Three Night / Four Day

For those schools wishing to experience more of our activities, or offer a more relaxing experience to their students. Four days allows

Four Night / Five Days

The pinnacle of visits to Bentley Copse. With this experience your students will be able to experience almost all of our activities, and maybe even return to their favourites from earlier in the week.

A full week stay allows more in depth bushcraft experiences or to take a half day hike up Pitch Hill to see an unmatched view.

Most schools will build some useful *downtime* into their schedules, giving both students and staff alike a time to recharge and relax.

Included as standard

Unlimited Self-Led Activities : We allow you to make unlimited use of our self-led activities. Many schools will spend their evenings racing karts around the track, or challenging each other across our adventure course.

Catering : Is built into all our standard packages, or you may self-cater if that suits your school and budget.

Wi-Fi : Our remote location means that fast mobile internet is not always possible. We have equipped Palmer House with reliable fibre internet.

Staff Fees : No charges are made for staff up to a ratio of one per twelve students.

Optional Extras

Disco : We can lead a fun evening disco for your students.

Campfire : Our campfire leaders can lead your students

A Typical Stay At Bentley Copse

Here is a real-world example of a two night stay at Bentley Copse. This was the schedule for a small school group in 2023, who appreciated the flexible experience they had in 2022 and returned in 2023.

Monday

11am Your coach is late, so you don't arrive at Bentley Copse as early as you hoped. You are greeted by one of the team who escorts you to *Palmer House* to get yourself and the students settled in.

While the students are making their beds and unpacking EVERYTHING they brought with them, you set up a few tables for the packed lunch you brought with you.

1pm You're taken on a tour of the site, checking out all the activities and finishing next to the zip-wire and the cave maze.

2pm You spend the next two hours riding the zip-wire, and exploring the cave-maze. One of your staff has hooked up the school tablet to the cave Bluetooth audio for some dancing in the caves.

5pm+ The caterers have cooked you a hot meal unique to the dietary needs of your group.

7pm+ You take the students out for some pedal karting and races on the adventure course.

Tuesday

8am You have a hearty breakfast to start the day.

9am You've decided to spend the morning splitting into two groups. While have are working as a team on crate stacking, the others have remixed two activities into one – laser tag on the adventure course! After an hour, you swap around.

12pm Cold picnic lunch in the woods.

1pm The students want to check out our site shop, and spend some of the money they've brought with them. Some gifts are brought, but most money goes on their daily sugar ration!

2pm Another half and half split. Half go climbing, the others get strapped into our giant inflatable table football.

4pm One group does some archery, the second chooses to spend more time on the karts.

5pm You've chosen a barbeque for tonight. Burgers and sausages!

7pm Your students want to do their own thing for the evening. There's some crafts underway in the hall, a game of football outside on the grass with a few keen karters trying to set some lap records!

Wednesday

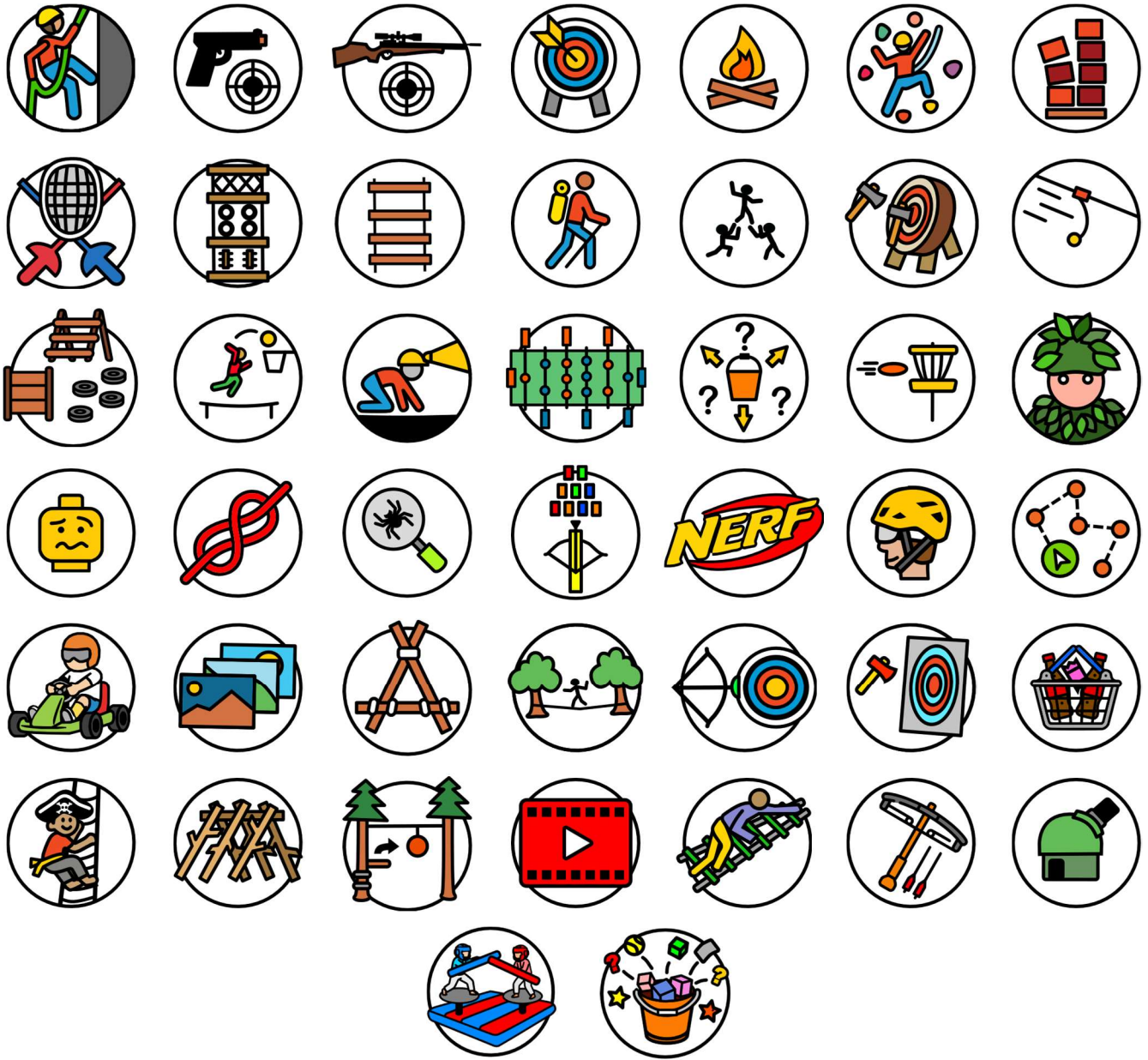
8am You get packed up before breakfast, with a growing lost property bag of unclaimed socks and water bottles.

9am It's time for your last sessions before the coach returns. It's the second group's turn for archery. The karts are still getting raced around the track.

12pm Your final picnic provided by our caterers – one last social gathering before you load the coach and say goodbye to Bentley Copse... until next year.

Activities

With over forty activities to provide excitement, development and enrichment Bentley Copse is the ideal location for groups wishing to experience a diverse set of activities.



Activity Age Suitability

Use this grid as a guide to aid selecting activities for your group.
All activities can be run for ages six and above – please call us regarding younger ages.

Instructed Activities	6yr to 8yr	8yr to 11yr	11yr to 14yr	14yr+
Abseiling	★★	★★★	★★★	★★★
Air Pistols	*	★★	★★★	★★★
Air Rifles	*	★★	★★★	★★★
Archery	★★	★★★	★★★	★★★
Bush Craft	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★
Climbing	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★
Crate Stacking	★★	★★★	★★★	★★★
Crossbows	*	*	★★★	★★★
Fencing	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★
Gladiator Challenge	★★	★★★	★★★	★★★
Jacobs Ladder	★★	★★★	★★★	★★★
Leap Of Faith	*	★★★	★★★	★★★
Pirate Climb	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★
Surrey Hills Hike	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★
Team Building	★★	★★★	★★★	★★★
Tomahawk Throwing	★★	★★★	★★★	★★★
Zip Line	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★
Self-led Activities				
Adventure Course	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★
Aeroball	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★
Cave Maze	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★
Den Building	★★★	★★★	★★	★★
Duel	*	★★★	★★★	★★★
Giant Table Football	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★
Challenge Bucket	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★
Frisbee Golf	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★
Ghillie Suit Stalk	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★
Head Of Doom	★★	★★★	★★★	★★★
Knot Orienteering	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★
Minibeasts	★★★	★★★	★★	★★
Mini Crossbows	★★★	★★★	★★	*
Nerf Wars	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★
Night Line	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★
Orienteering	*	★★	★★★	★★★
Pedal Karts	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★
Photo Quiz	★★★	★★★	★★	*
Pioneering	*	★★	★★★	★★★
Slack Line	★★	★★★	★★★	★★★
Soft Archery	★★★	★★★	★★	*
Soft Tomahawks	★★★	★★★	★★	*



While not all of our adventurous activities are as easy for younger participants we can include participants as young as four in most. If you're considering activities for squirrels talk to us about your aims.



Abseiling

Lowing yourself down our abseiling tower is a great personal challenge and confidence booster.



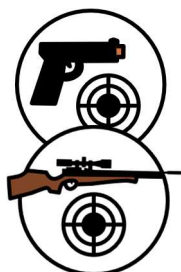
Adventure Course (Self Led)

The twelve elements in our obstacle course are suitable for all ages. Which will be the favourite? The Laser Beam Escape? The Tunnels? The Carwash? The Commando Crawl? The Meercat Tunnels?



Aeroball (Self Led)

Almost like volleyball, not quite basketball. Trampolining fun!



Air Rifles & Air Pistols

These events feature in the Olympic summer games. Our sessions are a great introduction to these sports. *Parental permission is required to participant in these firearm activities.*



Archery

Accommodating four archers at a time, everyone will be able to learn correct technique and hone their skills during their session.



Bushcraft

Our instructors can run a guided bushcraft session. Lighting fires, toasting marshmallows, popping pop corn or making hot-chocolate.





Cave Maze (Self Led)

Our cave maze is a three level warren of wooden tunnels in a dedicated building.

Equipped with colourful lights (Turn them off for 100% darkness) and a bluetooth sound system you can explore over 100m of tunnels or play any of the set games.



Campfires

Our large campfire circle can accommodate groups of several hundred. *The Parker circle is a great secondary or bushcraft location. Our raised altar fires can be used anywhere on site.*



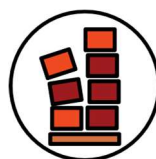
Challenge Bucket (Self Led)

A great time-filler or bonding activity. A bucket load of small team building challenges often with a silly twist to them. Could you challenge each other to a dance-off while wearing invisible skis?



Climbing

Our tower, shaded by ancient Oak Trees, can accommodate four climbers at once.



Crate Stacking

A great team building activity with everyone working together to get their team mates as high as possible.

Located among our idyllic pines, crate stacking is the perfect mix of adventure and tranquillity.





Crossbows

Hone your reflexes and decision making in this great Olympic sport.

Parental permission is required to participant in this firearm activity.



Den Building (Self Led)

Using our prepared supplies you can have great fun building shelters in the woods. Will they survive the bucket test? Will you go inside and join them?



Disco

The marquee makes a great disco location for huge groups with the *Palmer* and *Parker* halls suitable for smaller groups.



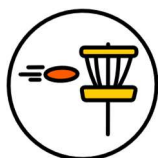
Duel

Test your balance in this one vs one activity. Can you force your opponent off-balance from their platform? *Hired by the half-day.*



Fencing

Hone your reflexes and decision making in this great Olympic sport.



Frisbee Golf (Self Led)

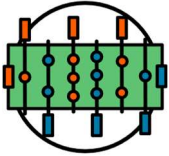
It's golf... but with frisbees. Follow our course through the woods to test your throwing skills.





Ghillie Suit Stalk (Self Led)

Use our full camouflage suits to play enhanced versions of hide and seek in the woods. Yes we have adult suits so you can join in too!



Giant Inflatable Table Football (Self Led)

Table foosball on a larger scale! Five a side football while constrained to moving side to side as you're attached to long poles!

Hired by the half-day



Gladiator Challenge

An interesting challenging climb will get even experienced climbers having to think of the best way to ascend the ladder, poles, tyres and netting.

Suitable for all ages, though becomes an even greater challenge for our youngest visitors!



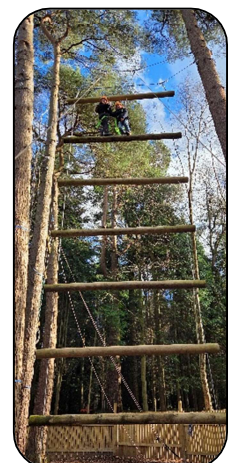
Head Of Doom (Self Led)

Great for quiet evenings to get everyone thinking. Inspired by the party game *Bucket Of Doom*, this set of survival challenges will get you having to talk your way out of tricky situations. Could you escape being swallowed by a whale using nothing but a *ball of wool*, a *bucket of ice cubes*, *three live worms* and the *unstoppable need to sing all the time*?



Jacobs Ladder

Climbing this giant ladder increases in difficulty the higher you get. Working as a pair is the secret of success.





Knot Orienteering (Self Led / Download for free)

A great activity to learn the layout of Bentley Copse. Use our site map and clues to find the markers. *Does “Retail Therapy” mean to look near the shop? Which of our buildings matches the “Home for birds” clue?*



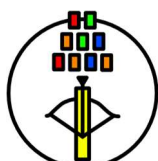
Leap Of Faith

Our leap of faith will have you conquering your fears in this tree-top personal challenge. Can you climb into the trees and take a confident leap towards the target?



Mini Beasts (Self Led)

See what invertebrates you can find, both onsite at Bentley Copse and outside in the winterfold forest. *Our collection sheet will attract*



Mini Crossbows (Self Led)

Suitable for all ages, these fun cross bows can be used for target shooting, or in competition to knock down the tin can towers. As a self-led activity it can be run by your team without any need for qualifications.



Movie Night (Self Led)

Our marque can accommodate even the largest groups. Palmer House or Parker Lodge can also be used.





Nerf Battle (Self Led)

Using our Nerf Gun armoury and inflatable bunkers - let battle commence!

Nerf Wars is exclusively an indoor activity and requires a building or marquee to be available.



Night Line (Self Led)

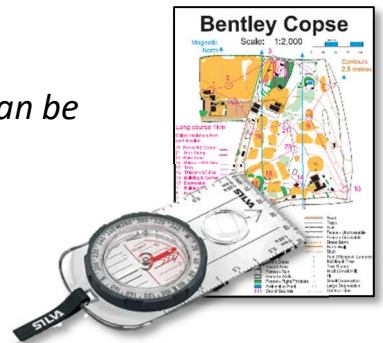
Blindfolded and following a rope trail through the forest, your participants will challenge themselves and each other.



Orienteering (Self Led)

Learn some key navigation skills around the site.

With short, medium and long variations – the activity can be adapted for all ages



Pedal Karts (Self Led)

What will it be? A head to head? Time trials? Fastest lap competitions?





Pirate Climb

The pirate climb is a ship's rigging type introduction to high ropes activities for your younger adventurers or a vertical speed challenge for the bold



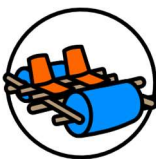
Photo Quiz (Self Led / Download for free)

Search the site for the locations on the photographs. A great way to explore Bentley Copse.



Pioneering (Self Led)

Our pioneering store has spars and ropes suitable for medium sized projects.



Pioneering – Flintstone Cars

Build these free-wheeling vehicles and *carefully* ride them without falling off!





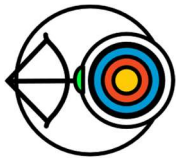
Surrey Hills Hike

Your instructor will lead you on a 2 to 3 hour hike in the Surrey Hills. You summit Pitch Hill and take in the extensive views, pass a converted Windmill and pass the filming locations of movies such as Jurassic World, Beauty and the Beast and Andor.



Slack Line (Self Led)

A personal balancing challenge, on a webbing line low to the ground between trees.



Soft Archery (Self Led)

Suitable for all ages, this easy to use take on archery can be run by your team without any need for qualifications.



Soft Tomahawks (Self Led)

Hone your throwing skills safely. Great for all ages.



Shop

The Bentley Copse Shop stocks a range of confectionary, drinks and souvenirs.

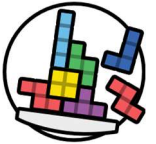
Bentley Copse site badges can be ordered in advance and collected during your stay.





Team Building

Our instructors will select engaging team challenges for your group.



Tetris Tumble & Giant Games

Our Tetris Tumble is a new addition to our selection of giant games. *Can you place the giant pieces without causing the entire structure to collapse?*



Tomahawks

Letting young people throw axes may seem like a wild idea, but with patient skilled instruction it becomes a very satisfying experience



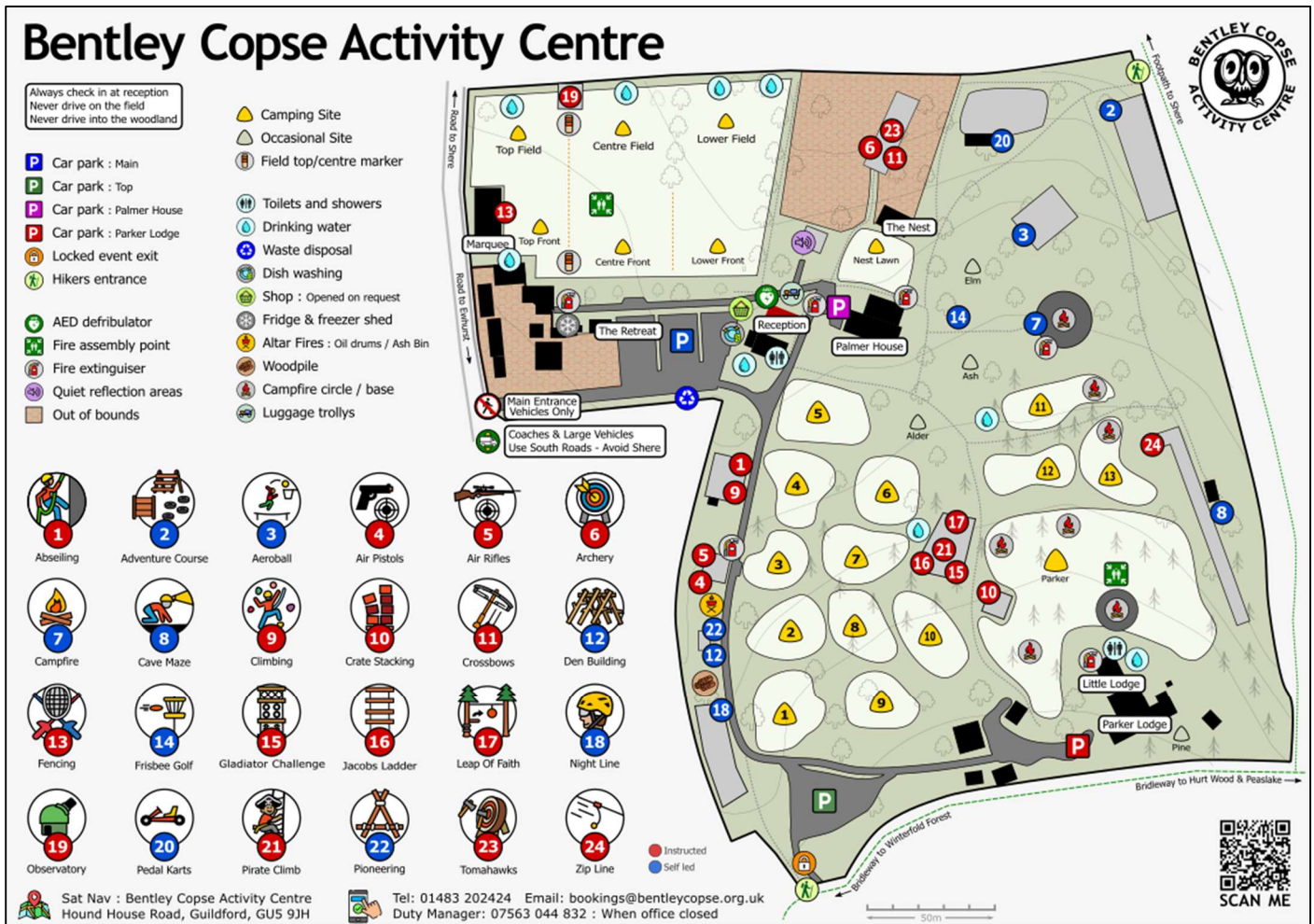
Zip Line

85m long and built to give everyone multiple goes – our zip line is loved by all and suitable for all ages.



Bentley Copse Site Map

Our site is divided into differing activity and camping areas.



This map may be [downloaded from our website.](#)

