

Visitor information

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JK Village and Event Centre

The Event Centre is at Crowborough Camp. This includes accommodation for up to 600 people as well as a camping/caravan site. Please complete a booking form if you are interested.

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Information about accommodation generally is available from Tourist Information Offices in:

- Crowborough Town Hall, The Broadway 01892 652907.
- Tunbridge Wells, The Old Fish Market, The Pantiles, Royal Tunbridge Wells TN2 5TN 01892 515675.
- Tonbridge Castle, Tonbridge, TN9 1BG 01732 770929.
- Sevenoaks Bus Station, Buckhurst Lane TN13 1LX 01732 450305.
- East Grinstead, West Street 01342 410121.
- Crawley Visitors Information Point, County Mall West Sussex RH10 1FP 01293 846968.
- Guildford, 14 Tunsgate Guildford GU1 3QT.

Camping and Caravanning The main provision for Camping and Caravanning will be at the Event Centre at Crowborough Camp. Other camping and caravanning sites are:

- Goldsmiths Leisure Centre, Crowborough 01892 665488.
- St Ives Farm, Hartfield 01892 770213.
- Heaven Farm, Furners Green, Uckfield 01825 790226 on A275 S from Wych Cross.

Camping is not permitted on Ashdown Forest itself.

Medical and Allied Services First Aid First Aid teams will be available at each Event Hospitals Accident and Emergency Unit is available at:

- Kent and Sussex Hospital, Mount Ephraim, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 526111.
- Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath, 01444 441881. Minor Injuries Unit is available at:

- Crowborough War Memorial Hospital, Southview Road, Crowborough, 01892 652284. Minor Casualty Extn 6224 Open daily 08.00 –20.00. Other Medical Problems Doctor's Surgeries in the vicinity of the Event Centre in Crowborough are:

- Beacon Surgery, Beacon Road, Crowborough, 01892 652233.
- Saxonbury House Surgery, Croft Road, Crowborough, 0844 4773045.
- Brook Health Centre, Crowborough Hill Crowborough, 01892 652850. If you are staying elsewhere you should seek guidance in your own locality, on local surgeries and emergency cover arrangements.

The NHS Direct Helpline 0845 4647 is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Dental Services

- Crowborough Dental Clinic, Campbell House, Croft Road Crowborough, 01892 661800.
- Ashdown Dental Surgery, Brook Health Centre, Crowborough Hill, 01892 610222.
- Emergency Dental Service, 01273 486444, Daily (on Bank Holidays and Sundays 09.30-13.00).
- Veterinary Services
- Dier and Johnston, Veterinary Surgeons, Well House Clinic, Crowborough Hill, 01892 653088.
- Forest Lodge Veterinary Centre, Forest Row, 01342 824452.

Public House and Inns On A26 Tunbridge Wells to Uckfield road:

- Nevill Crest and Gun, Eridge Green.
- Huntsman, Eridge Station.
- Boars Head, South edge of Crowborough.
- Crowborough Cross, at traffic lights centre of Crowborough.
- Blue Anchor, between traffic lights and Event Centre.
- Crow and Gate, South of the Event Centre, less than one mile. In Crowborough environs:

- Plough and Horses.
- White Hart.
- White Hill Tavern.
- Wheatsheaf.
- Coopers Arms. Rotherfield, East of Crowborough:

- Catts Inn.
- Kings Arms. On A267, Tunbridge Wells to Heathfield road:

- Abergavenny Arms, Frant.
- The George, Frant, in village.
- Mark Cross Inn, Mark Cross. On A264 Tunbridge Wells to East Grinstead road:

- Beacon at Rusthall, signed off S side of road.
- Hare, Langton Green.
- Sussex Oak, West of Ashurst.
- White Horse at Holtye. In villages north of A264:

- Chafford Arms, Fordcombe.
- George and Dragon, Speldhurst.
- Leicester Arms, Penshurst.
- The Bottle House near Penshurst.
- Spotted Dog Near Penshurst.
- Hare and Hounds, Bidborough. On A22 from East Grinstead southwards:

- Three Crowns, Ashurstwood.
- Maypole, Ashurstwood.
- Foresters, Forest Row.
- Mountain Range Inn, Forest Row.
- Swan Inn, Forest Row.
- Chequers Inn Hotel, Forest Row.
- Roebuck, Wych Cross.
- Nutley Arms, Nutley.
- Red Lion, Chelwood Gate on A 275 SW of Wych Cross. On B2110 from Langton Green to Forest Row

- The Junction, Groombridge.
- The Crown, Groombridge.
- High Rocks Inn, between Groombridge and Tunbridge Wells on back road.
- Dorset Arms, Withyham.
- Anchor, Hartfield.
- Haywagon, Hartfield.
- Gallipot Inn, Hartfield W side.
- The Hatch, Colemans Hatch. Others in the Ashdown Forest area:

- Half Moon, near Lye Green.
- Foresters Arms, Fairwarp B2026 Near Maresfield.
- Maypole, High Hurstwood West of Ashdown Forest.
- The Intrepid Fox, West Hoathly.
- The Cat, West Hoathly.
- Green Man, Horsted Keynes.
- Crown, Horsted Keynes.

There are a number of pubs and inns in Tunbridge Wells, East Grinstead and Tonbridge which have not been listed.

Tea Rooms, Coffee Shops and other Eating Places On A26 Tunbridge Wells to Uckfield road:

- Barnsgate Manor Vineyard Country Tea Rooms, about 1 Mile south of Event Centre. In Crowborough environs:

- Sherlocks Coffee Shop (Closed on Sunday).
- High Spirits Bar/Café.
- Freedom Leisure Centre Café.
- Old Pump House Sandwich Bar, High St.
- Morrison Supermarket Café.
- Waitrose Supermarket Café.
- MillBrook Garden Centre Café, Jarvis Brook, E side of Crowborough.
- Raj Poot.
- Rose of Bengal.
- Jades Palace.
- Golden Rainbow.
- Thai Legacy. On A267 Tunbridge Wells to Heathfield road
- Mark Cross Garden Centre Tea Room, Mark Cross. In villages north of A264:

- Chiddingstone Village Tea Rooms.
- Fir Tree Café, Penshurst.
- Quaintways Tea Room, Penshurst. On A22 East Grinstead to the South:

- Java and Jazz Café and Pizza House, Forest Row.
- Ashdown Forest Llama Park Café, Wych Cross, 3 miles S of Forest Row.
- Wych Cross Nursery Tea Room, Wych Cross (closed on Sundays).
- Wok Inn, Restt Nutley.
- Dine Asia Restt Nutley. Ashdown Forest Area:

- Duddleswell Tea Rooms on B2026 North of Fairwarp.
- Green Finger Café in Ashdown Forest Nursery just N of Duddleswell Tea Rooms.
- Pooh Corner Tea Room, Hartfield main street.
- St Ives Tea Room, near Hartfield signed off B 2026 just N of Hartfield.
- Perry Hill Orchard Tea Rooms, N of Hartfield on B 2026. On A 275 South from Wych Cross:

- Heaven Farm Tea Rooms, between Danehill and Sheffield Park.
- Elephant Café Bar, Sheffield Green, just S of Heaven Farm. Tunbridge Wells environs:

- Shiraz Tea Rooms, Old Corn Exchange, Pantiles precinct.
- Others in the Pantiles precinct.
- Others Generally in Tunbridge Wells including in Supermarkets and Malls.

Churches Information is only given for the locality of the Event Centre at Crowborough:

- All Saints Church, Chapel Green Crowborough 01892 652081.
- St Johns Church, St Johns Road Crowborough 01892 654660.
- St Marys Roman Catholic Church, Chapel Green Crowborough 01892654608.
- Forest Fold Baptist Chapel, London Road Crowborough 01892 653675.
- United Church, Croft Road Crowborough 01892 669580.

Sport and Leisure Activities Swimming Crowborough Freedom Leisure Centre (also known as Goldsmiths Leisure Centre). West Side of A26 as entering Crowborough from the north. This pool will be available to orienteers at discounted rates (leisure pass rates) on production of a JK Programme, subject to pool timetable/programme. 01892 665488/9

There are also swimming pools in:

- Tunbridge Wells, St Johns OnA26 between Southborough and Tunbridge Wells

- Tonbridge on A26 at north end of the Town
- Sevenoaks on east side of town centre shops. Other Activities
- Bowles Outdoor Centre, Crowborough. Off A26 approx 2 miles N of Crowborough
- Evolution Indoor Climbing, Lye Green on B2188 about 2 miles N of Crowborough
- Pay and Play Golf Centre, Boars Head. On A26 at N edge of Crowborough
- Villa Golf Pay and Play Blackham N of A264 near Ashurst Walking

Ashdown Forest – open to the Public for walking – plenty of car parks- Explore Pooh Country, find “The Enchanted Place” and “Pooh Sticks Bridge” etc. BUT note that the areas immediately NE and SE of the Visitors Centre are embargoed until after the JK Day 2 Competition .

Places of Interest and Things to Do National Trust There are a number of National Trust properties in the area. These include:

- Chartwell near Westerham
 - Ightham Mote N of Tonbridge near Ivy Hatch
 - Knole Park and House Sevenoaks
 - Wakehurst Place Near Ardingly
 - Scotney Castle Near Lamberhurst
 - Standen near East Grinstead
 - Polesden Lacey near Dorking
 - Sheffield Park Gardens on A 275 South of Chelwood Gate and Daneshill Other Attractions
 - Spa Valley Railway, Tunbridge Wells south side, near Sainsburys
 - Bluebell Railway, South of East Grinstead at Kingscote Stn and at Sheffield Park on A275
 - Ashdown Forest Llama Park, Wych Cross S of Forest Row at Wych Cross
 - Ashdown Forest Visitors Centre, E of Wych Cross on road to Hartfield
 - Bedgebury Pinetum and Forest (Forestry Commission) and Outdoor Centre, near Flimwell on A21. Cycle hire and excellent children’s play area
 - Bewl Water, 1 mile S of Lamberhurst on A21. Large reservoir sailing, cycling, picnicking, etc. and good children’s play area.
 - Hever Castle near Edenbridge
 - Groombridge Place and Enchanted Forest near Tunbridge Wells.
 - Penshurst Place near Tunbridge Wells.
 - Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells. Colonnaded preserved spa and shopping area with Chalybeate Spring .
 - Pooh Corner. Pooh Bear memorabilia and souvenirs and caf e
 - Hartfield Heaven Farm, Furners Green on A275. 170 years of Farming Life in Sussex, tea room, etc.
- Travel Information CAUTIONARY NOTES about Junction 5 on the M25: it is an irregular junction! Many competitors will use M25 Junction 5 to approach the Crowborough Event Centre and the Relay Day.

- Travelling south on M25 from Dartford Crossing, please note that at Junction 5, the M25 leaves to the left, and the A21(A26) goes straight on (i.e.the right hand lanes). USE RIGHT HAND LANES for A21 (A26).
- Travelling from the west on M25, please note that at Junction 5 the M25 leaves to the left, and M26 and A21 goes straight on (i.e. right hand lanes). USE RIGHT HAND LANES M26 and EXIT FOR A21 JUST AFTER FIRST BRIDGE CROSSING OVERHEAD
- Travelling from the east on M26, it joins the M25 at M25 Junction 5. Please note that you cannot make a turn south onto the A21 here. If coming from this direction (east), exit at M26 Junction 2A and use A25 westward to join A21, west of Sevenoaks. An error at Junction 5 on M25 can take you as much as 11 miles out of your way before you can turn back! All roads on Ashdown Forest (except A22) have a 40 mph speed limit.

There is substantial provision for car parking in Crowborough and all appears to be free of charge.