

Our campsite...by the team

Birchmere campsite may have been in existence since 1978 (and some say even before that!) but the need for new kit is always there.

We recently replaced some small old trailers with new and larger ones. Also our activity hall heaters have been updated to make them safer and more efficient.

However our most exciting (for us) bit of kit was the purchase of a new Toro ride-on mower! This speedy ride-on is a huge step up from the old, but faithful, diesel tractor that we purchased second hand way back in time.

As you can see in the image, Terry likes it... A LOT !.



Birchmere's 2026 Campsite fees

	Woking Scouts	Non-Woking Scout Groups / Guide Groups	Other Groups
Camping Fee	Free	£5.50 pn pp	£6.00 pn pp
Family Camps	£220	N/A	N/A
Daytime rate	Free	£2.75 pd pp	N/A
Birch Lodge or The Retreat	Free	£25.00 pd, up to £100 per visit	
Deposit (non-refundable)	N/A	£50	

Campsite charges effective for all bookings after 1st January 2026. All campsite fees at the discretion of the Warden. Deposits and Family Group camp fees must be paid at time of booking and are non-refundable. These rates may change depending on when you book. Please check before your camp. In the future Sole Occupancy will only be allowed for Family camps.

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Lashings of Pioneering

Birchmere has a small pioneering store made up of 10, 8, and 6 foot poles plus some rope and a few other extras. However this is all about to change!

With the support of Woking District Trustees and a spend of £3000, the pioneering kit will become bigger and better leading to the opportunity for larger and more advanced builds. A further set of staves for mini pioneering will also mean that younger scouts can take an active part in their builds. A new store for the kit will replace the existing garden shed so that the new rope and equipment can be kept dry and secure. Birchmere – building for the future !



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It's the Wild West Camp

The Wild West came to Birchmere in the summer, when the Runnymede District Cub Camp moseyed into town. The cubs made their very own hobby horses on the Saturday and went for a leisurely trot round Wisley Common on Sunday. Over 180 cubs rode into town for the camp plus a posse of leaders, all dressed like the town sheriffs. When they returned from their ride, the cubs were treated to a fine dinner and the whole weekend camp was rounded up by a huge noisy western style camp fire.



Activities on the Common

Our landlords, Surrey County Council, have requested that all group campsite activities on the common by users of Birchmere be registered with their Countryside Events and Activities Department. This is in order to prevent a dangerous clash of events occurring. Birchmere has undertaken an agreement with SCC for routine activities such as hiking, navigation exercises, countryside awareness, education walks and cycling. If your activity is different from these and larger than 40 people, you will have to discuss this and a risk assessment and a subsequent office charge may be requested.

Contact - countryside.bookings@surreycc.gov.uk.

Cockcrow Garden update

In late 2025 Cockcrow Bridge will be connected to the access track at Ockham Bites and to the existing track leading to Pond Farm and Birchmere Campsite.

During this time there will need to be a temporary access track which will also be used as a future bridleway. This temporary access track will connect to Wisley Lane, just before, but on the other side of the road of, RHS Wisley Gardens. While this temporary access is operational, further car parking and access roads will be completed.

From then, the access to and from Birchmere will be via the Cockcrow Bridge via a slip road from the southbound A3. This access road will have a secure gate entrance near Ockham Bites. The J10, M25 project is planned for completion before the summer of 2026.



Cockcrow Bridge, the UK's first heathland green bridge will reconnect the commons either side of the A3, and provide a natural and safe corridor for wildlife.