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Site Map for Viking Invasion



The Lake District Visitor Centre at Brockhole

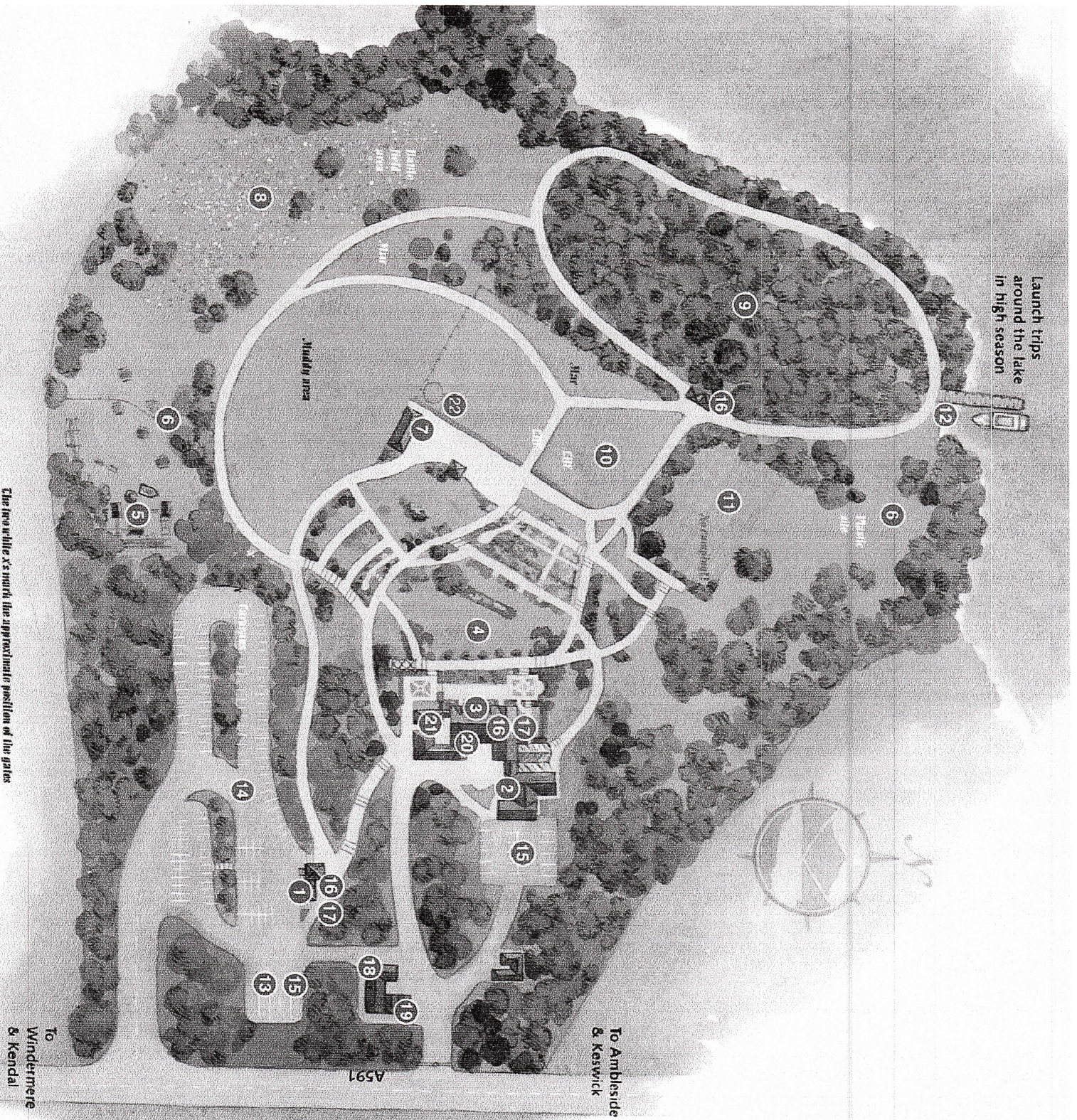
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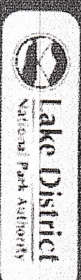
1. **Camp Site** – this area can actually be blocked off for your use. Caravans can be stationed on the paths (hard standing). This area is also easily accessible without having to negotiate any trees.
2. **Living History** – this is a good area visually. The village can be spread over the paths which will allow people to 'weave through' a Viking village.
3. **Arena** – again this is a good area visually.

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Check
willing area for
ditch

lockable area
available for gear

1. Toilets for re-enactors.

Will there enough and will they be emptied regularly?

At least 4 loos for plastic camp and access to at least 1 for LHE

Where is the nearest water supply, will it work and will it be available at all hours?

Where will the toilets for the LHE and campsite be situated, will it be enough and will it be emptied regularly?

✓ Taps 10 -

2. Toilets for public. Access and availability.

Same .

3. Access to site for re-enactors Time for leaving LHE must be reasonable on the last day (i.e Tuesday if necessary).

Is there hard standing if necessary?

Car Park .

Will hard matting have to be laid?

4. Access to site for public.

Will hard matting have to be laid?

Same access

5. Access for emergency vehicles.

Will hard matting have to be laid?

yes .

6. First aid cover. First Aid provision for the visitors.

Where is the nearest late night chemist?

Where is the nearest A&E Hospital?

Kendal .

Yes. All staff are
trained.

7. Access to arena.

Any special provisions?

We need 2 opposing entrances

8. Size of arena.

Barriers Double roped arena - minimum 8 foot but prefer 8-foot gap, 12 foot if horses involved.

How big is the battlefield available? Arena - 35 paces by 100 paces is ideal.

Are there any usable geographical features on or attached to the field (hills, bumps, bushes, buildings etc)?

Where is it relative to living History?

Where will the spectators be?

Can the archers search for lost sharps using a metal detector in the arena? Could a member of the custodial staff help in this?

9. Public address system

Will it be provided, do we need our own?

yes please lodge for
charging

10. Authentic camp.

If there is a long distance between LHE and Plastic campsite, where can the LH vehicles be parked?

Is there a wheelbarrow on site?

yes .

→ car park .

11. Fires Fire pits/fireboxes, which are we allowed to use?

Can we have a fire on the campsite?

To be checked.

7 firebox

probably boxes .

Plastic Bags

12. Turf, sand, wood, etc.

Has anything been ordered and in what quantities?

1.5 tons LHE required last time at Bolsover

Area required - about 35m x 70m. However, at Bolsover we will probably take over the entire inner.

(Find out local supplier and let the appropriate LHE person know).

13. Plastic camping area.

Where is it in location to the LHE, is it big enough to allow proper H&S guidelines to be followed, is there hard standing for caravans etc will it get bogged down quickly?

What is the ground like for both LHE and plastic site, is there easy vehicle access for both Plastic Camping and LHE, - need 4 acres plus water supply.

Also Towed vehicles need a decent access - allow for turning of towed vehicles.

14. Water points

Where are they situated?

15. Fire points

Where are they situated?

16. Traders

Do they want money from traders?

Several types of traders. i.e. plastic, LHE and non-authentic.

SEU to liase with Russell Scott 01782 631525

17. Maps to get to site. Is it well sign posted?

18. Address for the radios to be sent to.

19. Map of site.

20. Site Security. What is available?

When can we arrive or leave the site, any restrictions on times etc as well as earliest arrival times etc also key holder if appropriate. Names and numbers of primary and secondary keyholders

Negotiate extra funds to cover security in High Risk Areas

21. Where will the rubbish skip be?

22. Is there anywhere for a communal fire not near to either campsite?

23. Marquee - where will it be sited

24. Give my name as our primary contact

25. Time/story line (ie what date are we re-enacting)

26. Time tabling of events.

In toilet

House + bldgs yes
None in grounds

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes, staff member

After 3pm Friday

overnight access available

Tuesday go home

House do not use
Small bins #

(Speak to Franca + Aarti)

Amber side
Windermere
Gauge Pub

- 27. Local shops are there shops nearby, also cafes etc
- 28. Local pubs Where is the pub, does it serve food, will they let us in, are kids allowed?
- 29. Notify local police that we will be there and ask if there are any pubs we should avoid.
- 30. Any changes to be confirmed in writing 2 weeks prior to the event.

Sun
1/2 mile approx
yes.

Dogs on leads
at all times
No exceptions

1 mile
No dogs
kids

Brockholes site visit – Questions in black, answers in Blue.

Toilets for re-enactors.

Will there enough and will they be emptied regularly?

At least 4 loos for plastic camp and access to at least 1 for LHE

Where is the nearest water supply, will it work and will it be available at all hours?

Where will the toilets for the LHE and campsite be situated, will it be enough and will it be emptied regularly?

Answers: we will use the same ones as the public. As they flush there should not be an emptying problem. Water supply from taps in the toilets.

Access to site for re-enactors

Is there hard standing if necessary?

Will hard matting have to be laid?

Arrive after 3 pm on Friday can camp till Tuesday if we wish.

Hard standing available on car park for caravans which negates the need for matting.

Access to site for public.

Easily accessible.

Access for emergency vehicles.

Easily accessible.

First aid cover. First Aid provision for the visitors.

Where is the nearest A&E Hospital?

All staff first aid trained. Nearest A& E Kendal

Access to arena.

We need 2 opposing entrances

This can be sorted out on the day by ROT's . No problem getting 2 opposing entrances.

Size of arena.

Barriers Double roped arena - minimum 6 – 8 foot

How big is the battlefield available? Are there any usable geographical features on or attached to the field (hills, bumps, bushes, buildings etc)?

To be sorted out by ROTs on the day, will be as big as possible. Some trees on site but we can work round those. Ground rises slightly and some hillocky bits.

Where is it relative to living History?

Very near to LHE

Where will the spectators be?

Two sides of the arena to allow for archery

Can the archers search for lost sharps using a metal detector in the arena?

No problem if required we can search for lost arrows with a metal detector.

Public address system

Do we need our own?

Yes and this, together with the radios can be charged in the Education Room. This room can also be used for the Althing if necessary

10. Authentic camp.

If there is a long distance between LHE and Plastic campsite, where can the LH vehicles be parked?

No they are reasonably close. All vehicles are to be parked on car park, and passes to be provided by venue.

Is there a wheelbarrow on site?

Yes

Fires Fire pits/fireboxes, which are we allowed to use?

Fireboxes

Turf, sand, wood, etc.

Turf sand and wood order to be placed with the staff by Sandie.

Plastic camping area.

Where is it in location to the LHE, is it big enough to allow proper H&S guidelines to be followed, is there hard standing for caravans etc will it get bogged down quickly?

Reasonably close to LHE, caravans will have to be put on the parking area. Should be big enough, just watch for the trees. Members to be told that if they find a croquet hoop or flag in the middle of their tent move it – quickly! Strictly NO camping on the croquet lawn and putting green – even if they are the flattest bit of ground around.

What is the ground like for both LHE and plastic site, is there easy vehicle access for both Plastic Camping and LHE

Ground is reasonably flat for both, but need to offload and park vehicles. Do not take towed vehicles down to plastic camp site. Paths kinks and there are two trees diagonally opposite one another which may cause problems for towed vehicles or vans, members to be warned of this.

Also Towed vehicles need a decent access – allow for turning of towed vehicles.

No towed vehicles near plastic site but plenty of room to move trailers etc near LHE

Water points

Where are they situated?

In the toilets near the LHE

Fire points

Where are they situated?

In the main house

Traders

Authenti maker/traders can trade. I explained about the braid and coin makers, they demonstrate and sell.

Maps to get to site. Is it well sign posted?

On the main road between Windermere and Ambleside and it is well signposted in both directions.

Address for the radios to be sent to.

Lake District Visitor Centre, Windermere, Cumbria, LA23 1LJ. Tel 015394 46601

Map of site.

Sandie has one, it will go to Bob for the Runestaff.

Site Security. What is available?

When can we arrive or leave the site, any restrictions on times etc as well as earliest arrival times etc

Arrive after 3 pm on Friday, contact a member of staff before going down onto site. Staff member available if needed. Leave on Tuesday.

Where will the rubbish skip be?

Main house – agreed that we will not use the small bins. We will arrange for plastic bags to be given out.

Marquee – where will it be sited

Two possible sites, Tamsin to choose which one she wants

Time tabling of events and time-line

To be advised to Park when agreed.

Local shops are there shops nearby, also cafes etc

Café on site during the day, shops in Windermere and Ambleside, also one near the pub (The Sun)

Local pubs Where is the pub, does it serve food, will they let us in, are kids allowed?

The Sun Inn. 1 mile from car par to car park. Serves food and children allowed. No dogs.

Dogs to be kept on a lead whilst public are about. They can be walked during the day on a lead and allowed to have a run in the evening. H&S guidelines to be followed re length of lead on which dogs are allowed.

No barbeques on the site until after the Public have gone home and everything to be cleared up.

Beer allowed on site in the evenings but again all rubbish to be cleared before the public come in. Unable to have a beer tent. Discussed with Iona the chance of getting a possible percentage reduction on breakfasts. This will be advised at a later date.

Members to be warned of dangers of Lake, this being put in the strongest possible terms, ie it is a dark cold lake so watch the offspring., dogs etc.

Gordon and Sandra to be introduced to Iona and her staff. Gordon is in charge of the ROT's or Marshalls. All of whom wear either a Black sweatshirt with white writing or a white Tshirt with Black writing. The Vikings on the front and Marshall on the back, they also usually have a radio with a headset attached. They can all help with any problems.

Iona to check if we can order milk through the café, all orders to be picked up and paid for.

Any changes by either side to be confirmed in writing 2 weeks prior to the event.

Brockholes – Lake District National Park

First of all to anyone using Autoroute 2000, do not put in Lake District National Park as your destination – it takes you to the wrong place! Input either Windermere or Ambleside – the park is about halfway between the two, on the left coming from the South, it is well signposted. It is also well signposted from Ambleside. Sorry I don't know any more about the route from the North.

From the M6 Junction 36 it is a good dual carriageway till just before Kendal, it then turns into a two-way road, which is still quite good. Remember if there is a bus in front of you they go very slowly, particularly on the climb before Windermere (note for people towing anything) the road then drops steeply into Windermere, again note if you are towing and don't know the area.

The nearest shops are in Ambleside or Windermere but remember it will be a busy weekend. I am trying to arrange for milk to be delivered for us, but obviously this will have to be ordered and paid for by those ordering it. The garage near the pub has a small shop, milk bread etc.

We almost found several cagouled people under our wheels when we did the site visit, wearing boots, carrying walking stick etc – Beware the Walkers!

Arrival after 3 pm on Friday, please check with a member of staff that it is safe to drive down to either LHE or plastic camping. LHE is sited on at number 10 on the map and we can also put one row of tents on the other side of the path (22 on the map) if the ground looks suitable, but it can get boggy there.

Plastic campsite is situated at No 6; if you drive down the path and your wheels get wet you are in the Lake and have driven too far. If you are driving a van down to plastic campsite, please be aware that there are two trees either side of the path, which may make it difficult for vans. The path kinks to the right (not evident on map) and there are two trees diagonally opposite each other on the path, which narrow it.

Camping available till Tuesday morning. Please take care when camping on plastic site, as there are several trees around. Also be aware that Lake Windermere is right behind the plastic site, it is a lake, it has boats on it, and although there may be a small beach, please watch children carefully. It can be very cold, even in August, it also dips sharply from shallow to very deep very quickly.

If you find a nice flat bit of grass and camp on it, then find either a flag or a croquet hoop inside your tent you are in the wrong place. *Please* do not camp on the croquet lawn or the putting green. Thank you. Marked 11 on the map

Please do not use barbeques until after 6 pm and make sure that everything is cleared away before the public come on site from approximately 10 am.

For both LHE and plastic camping we will have to offload from the road and move vehicles up to the car park (not a particularly long walk but a steepish climb – I managed it reasonably well and you all know how unfit I am!). We will need to know roughly how many vehicles are going for the parking passes.

I would say that if we work it right the furthest LHE will have to carry stuff is about 10 – 15 feet.

Unfortunately the plastic camping area is definitely no use for caravans, they are going to rope off some hard standing on the car park but please don't block the gate as we need it to get vehicles down to plastic site and LHE. You will be situated to the left of the area marked 14 on the map (there are two gates marked with x's on the map – these must be kept locked when not in use).

Sorry no vehicles on site during the day 10 am to 5 pm. Authentic packing up on Monday from 4 pm. There is a wheelbarrow available on site.

Please can you use fireboxes, but I need to know wood and sand requirements from the LHE co-ordinator.

The toilets are for our use and public but are flushies – Jim went and said they were OK, (remember we visited in March – the weather was nice but cold.). LHE are nearest to the loos, water available in the loos. There are also some toilets in the main buildings, which is also where the fire points are situated.

There is access for emergency vehicles and all the park staff are all first aid trained. Nearest hospital is in Kendal.

Battle Area: - Marked 8 but we will be using the far end. Frania you will love this as it is a bit hillocky, Goose there is the possibility of archery without stabbing any members of the public – Jim checked that out to make absolutely sure. Some trees but I reckon Gordon can probably suss it so that they are not included, so Frania you can have your 3 ranks. Please note that the map is largely an artist's impression (i.e. location of trees and stuff – which is why the caravans seems to be in the middle of some trees), but all paths are correct. When driving, please only use the access path past the caravans to get to plastic and LHE, most of the other paths have steps on them and will play absolute havoc with your suspension

Everything is in reasonably close proximity, plastic site being further than LHE to the battlefield, and about as far to walk as the beer tent at Kirby Hall last year to LHE. Caravans are a bit out on a limb I'm afraid.

We need our PA, and both it and the radios can be charged in the education room for which we will have a key so if we need to store anything overnight we can. This room can also be used for an Althing if needed.

There will be a member of staff on the site.

All rubbish must be collected at a central point then taken up to the main house, please don't bung up the small bins.

Tamsin there are two possible sites for the marquee, unfortunately you will also have to offload and take the van up to the car park – you can bring it back down after 5 pm. Possibilities are where the path goes to the loos near the LHE (opposite side of the path) or where the path splits near to where the battlefield will be.

We need to decide a time line – which they are leaving to us.

The café serves food (sorry it was closed when we were there, so we don't know what it is like), and negotiations are underway for a reduction on breakfasts. The café is in the building marked 3, there is a terrace so the public will see what is going on and hopefully come down and watch. There is no entrance fee to this event.

PUBS – Ok remember this is a National Park, on a Lakeside, in a beautiful position; unfortunately the nearest pub is 1 mile (car park to car park). However, they have several beers there, and we ate there, food was very nice. They are sending a menu. Sorry as it is an eating establishment we can't take dogs in. Unfortunately the Park are unable to have a beer tent, they sounded a bit miffed about that as well.

Talking of dogs, on a lead at all times when the public are on site please. Remember if I don't rollock you for having the dog off the lead, then the park staff may do so. There are several areas where you can walk dogs during the day, and once you are away from the main site in the evening, they should be able to have a run, prior to being tethered as per H&S guidelines

Note for Paul – At the moment I don't see an area for training on the camp site during the daytime (10 – 5), most of it will I think be full of tents. If you have any questions about any areas please ask and I will let you know what they are like.

The area to the right of number 6 might look like a good place to do all sorts of stuff; unfortunately it gets very boggy very quickly, and apparently stays that way most of the time. You can play in the woods in the evening, but if anywhere is roped off please respect it, as there are several rare species of plant growing in the park.

All in all a very good visit, very friendly staff, (they all came out to meet 'these Vikings who had come to visit'). A beautiful spot, and with the nice weather we are bound to get I can see a few beach barbies, and possibly cheese and wine parties. No problem with taking our own beer, so long as everything is cleared up, as it always is, before the public come in.

The plastic campsite is accessible to everyone, including the public, there really isn't any way round that, so lock up your valuables.

Provisional timetable – not written in stone we can add or subtract as we wish

11 am	Kiddie Vike
12 noon	Hrothgars
1pm	First skirmish
1.45	Archery
2.30	Acting
3.30	Main Battle

Not for general consumption: _

Apparently Iona with whom I have been liasing, contacted a certain similar Society as well as us re this event. They didn't even bother to get back to her. They and Ermine Street have been there previously.

Please can I ask you to put any comments/questions in Blue if you return this, just helps me to sort out the questions. Basically I know that Bob is going to re-hash this for the Runestaff and I know that I have probably put more information than is actually needed.

It would be a good idea for Gordon, and Sandra to also be introduced to Iona so that she has several points on contact. Explained about the Rots

Thank you for taking the time to plough your way through it.

This is going to be a fantastic show, lovely weather and loads of people taking part and watching – honest.

Sandie Gillbanks

04 April 2002 19:42:59

To:	'Sandie Gillbanks' <sandieg@amounderness.demon.co.uk>
Subject:	Brockhole Viking Invasion
From:	Iona Wilson <IonaWilson@lake-district.gov.uk>
Date:	04 April 2002 15:32:53

Hi Sandie,

Thanks for sending through the information from the site visit. We are all really looking forward to the event.

I've now had a meeting with the Brockhole site team and catering manager. Basically we went through all your questions and suggested a few ideas to that I hope will help with the organisation.

Site plan

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(map attached)

On discussion with the team we felt that the camping area for the members would be better placed at number 10 on the map (paddock). This is flatter and fairly dry with no trees to get in the way. This area is also more secure than the lake side and can be blocked off to the public for your use only. Caravans can also be stationed on the paths in this area so no need to negotiate trees and no risk of sinking in soft ground. This area is also closer to the toilets.

Vehicles can be driven in through the gates in the bottom car park. These gates are normally locked (otherwise the public decide to drive through the grounds!) but we are happy to issue a key to someone in the group who can open these gates for the members and lock them afterwards. It is important that there is no vehicle access between 9:45am and 5:15pm for health and safety reasons. If members arrive from 3pm on the Friday, please ask them to notify a member of staff and we can walk the vehicles down through the grounds for them to begin setting up.

We also thought that the living history village would be better placed at the top of the flower meadow. This is a great site visually and the village can be spread over the paths creating a kind of 'walk through'. This area is also very dry, so no risk of sinking in mud. The arena can be placed more or less as we had before. Again this area is the driest and very visual. If it turns out to be a heat wave this summer and the grounds dry out properly, we can still opt for the space south of number 7 on the map. This is idea space wise but tends to be a bit wetter than the meadow.

Dogs on site

You asked about dogs on site. As discussed they need to be on leads during the day and at night they can be let off in the camping area only. We would appreciate if dog owners could clean up after their dogs. We can suggest some good dog walks near by if owners want to stretch their legs a bit. There are some nice walks from Brockhole.

Rubbish

Rubbish bags will be collected from outside the toilets by the campsite at 9am each morning.

Noise at night

Members need to be aware that there are residential areas bordering Brockhole so if noise could be kept down after midnight it would be appreciated.

Sand and Turf

If you let me know what your requirements are we will buy in some sand for the event.

Breakfasts

We will be happy to provide breakfasts to the members. We can do a choice of three menus:

1. Cornflakes, bacon roll, fruit juice, tea and coffee 5.00

Staff + re-enactors.

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Car Parking: loss more + have a bus. to
3/4 mile away

2. Above without fruit juice
3. Option one without fruit juice or cereal

I don't have an exact cost yet but it will be discounted. I could either talk to Sandra to see if we can take it off the total price or members could pay for their own.

We can also arrange for some pasties/pies to be made for lunch for the group. These could be delivered down to the camp site. Please let me know what you would like us to do.

Milk Order

We will be able to have milk delivered for you. All we need to do is let the catering manager know your order the night before and it can be delivered the following morning. Payment for milk ordered can be given to the catering manager at the end of the event.

These are the main things that came out of our initial discussions. When we have all the information finalised and confirmed at both ends we will put together a 'pack' for all the members of the group on their arrival so that they know where the facilities are, arrangements for meals, nearest pubs, dog walks etc.

Anyway, hope this helps for now, sorry for the lengthy Email (I'm sure I've missed something). I will be away now from Friday until 7th May. If you need to talk to the Events team please contact Howard or Sarah (Howardsims@lake-district.gov.uk or SarahCrowther@lake-district.gov.uk), they will be able to help you.

I look forward to firming up arrangements on my return.

Kind regards,

Iona

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