



**Welcome to**

# **Diogenes**

**A Guide for Visitors**

## Welcome...

...to Diogenes, one of the UK's finest naturist clubs. We hope you enjoy your stay with us. This is a pleasantly located site, within easy reach of London and the Chilterns and there are many local attractions to explore, including the historic local town of Chalfont St. Peter.

We hope this short guide answers most of your questions. If not, please see our caretakers or ask one of the members. Our aim is for you to enjoy a perfect naturist holiday.

## Getting here

### Don't Just Follow Your Satnav!

There are lots of narrow, single track roads around the club, many of which are unsuitable for caravans of any size and even modestly-sized motorhomes. For your own safety and that of others, please follow these instructions to reach our club and do not just follow your satnav.

The only suitable route to the club when towing a caravan or with a motorhome is from the West, via Chalfont St Peter and the A413. This route is detailed below.

If coming from the North on the A413, proceed towards Chalfont St Peter. Just before the village you will see a Tesco petrol station on your left. Immediately after it, turn sharp left up the hill onto Rickmansworth Lane following the sign for Horn Hill. From the South on the A 413, don't take the roundabout turn to Chalfont St Peter Village; instead follow the A413 for a few hundred yards then turn right into Rickmansworth Lane, again following the sign for Horn Hill.

Follow the road up the hill for about 0.5 mile then turn right at the "T" junction then almost immediately turn left into Rickmansworth Lane. Follow this road for about a mile, paying particular attention to the parked cars and building site entrances where you might encounter large vehicles. You will then see the "Dumb Bell" pub in front of you; turn left into Shire Lane and the visitors' entrance will be seen on the right hand side after a hundred or so yards. Pull in and use the gate phone to summon a club member. This route can be seen at the following URL:

<https://www.google.co.uk/maps/dir/51.6122921%2C0.556136/Diogenes+Sun+Club,+Shire+Lane,+Chalfont+Saint+Peter>

**Coming from the M25 North. Leave the motorway at Junction 18.** Take the A404, signposted "Amersham" and continue for 3.3 miles to Little Chalfont. Go under the railway bridge and at 3.5 miles turn left on the B4442 signposted "Chalfont St Giles" onto Cokes Lane. Stay on the main road, which becomes Nightingales Lane, and at 6.4 miles turn left on the A413 signposted London and Chalfont St Peter. This route then joins the main route to the club as given above – "North on the A413". IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU DON'T TURN OFF ONTO ANY OF THE MINOR ROADS OFF TO THE LEFT ON THE B4442, they are all narrow, single tracked in some places and not suitable for caravans or large vehicles.

**Coming from the M25 South. Leave the motorway at Junction 16,** the intersection with the M40 and proceed on the M40 towards London. Very shortly turn off the M40 at Junction 1 and take the A40 in the direction of Gerrards Cross. After a few miles take the right hand filter onto the A413 towards Amersham and the Chalfonts. Proceed on this road until you come to Chalfont St Peter and then follow the instructions given above – "South on the A413".

Our gates are wooden and there is a long wide entrance at gate 2 enabling visitors to pull off the road completely before using the gate telephone to indicate their arrival. Our sign is: shown below:



**NB: Construction work related to the HS2 rail line will be starting down the lane from Diogenes and may cause some local level road disruption. Please check with our caretakers for the latest situation.**



## On arrival

### Booking in

When you are unloaded and pitched, ask the caretakers to sign you in. You can pay on arrival or departure by agreement with the caretakers.

### The Gates

You will be given the gate code when you are booked in. For safety and security please do not give this to anyone else, nor let anyone else on site. Do not answer the gate to callers, but inform the caretakers or a committee member.

To operate the gate:

- Press C once;
- Enter the gate code, pressing firmly;
- Twist the gate knob and at the same time press down on the gate lever to release the gate;
- Always secure the gate when open. It is heavy and may blow onto your car (or you!) unless secured.
- Once you are through the gate, pull it to, engage the lock and twist the knob anti-clockwise to lock it.

If you find yourself locked out then use the phone by gate 1 (furthest from the Dumb Bell pub) to summon assistance.

If you are returning after dark you may wish to carry a torch.

## Pitches

### Pitch Facilities

Our motor-home/caravan bays have electrical hook-up points. Campers will be shown to the camping lawn or the lower camping lawn, which is located by the volleyball court. Visitors are expected to use cables and electrical equipment that are in good condition and fit for purpose. Each hook up point has an individual circuit breaker.

The lower lawn has basic toilet and tea making facilities but no hook-up points. The upper camping lawn has some electrical hookup points available for tent users.

A chemical toilet disposal point is located in the top car park and water points are located by the caravan/motorhome pitches.

### Pitch Care

Please do not dig any trenches. Tents must be moved after seven days to avoid damage to the grass.

We would ask that you do not drive onto the camping lawn itself, but unload from the roadway.

When you have finished unloading please park in one of the two car parking areas, located at either end of the site. The internal roadway should be kept clear in case emergency access is required.

### Vacating your pitch and payment

Pitches must be vacated by 12 noon on the day of departure. If you wish to stay later, please speak to the caretakers.

We accept cash or cheque (payable to 'Phoenix Recreational Society'). Please follow the instructions in the camping folder and place your payment in the treasurer's box in the hallway. Our caretakers can also accept card payments.

### Barbecues

These are allowed on site, but open fires are not. Communal barbecues are located between the camping area and the indoor pool. A stock of wood is available by the barbecue area or you may use your own charcoal.

## Leisure and Sports Facilities



### Pools

The indoor pool is available whenever the house is unlocked. The outdoor pool is heated from the end of May until mid September.

No swimwear is permitted at any time. Please refer to the pool safety instructions, and shower before using the pools. To conserve energy, we politely ask you to cover the pools if you are the last user .

### Outdoor Sports

We have four miniten courts available for booking (free of charge), one of which is also marked out for tennis. Badminton and volleyball courts are also available.

Ten petanque pistes are available in front of the house and by the indoor pool complex. If you wish to borrow boules, these can be found behind the lift off panel at the bottom of the main staircase in the house.

### For the Children

The outdoor play area is well equipped with an up to date climbing frame, slide , trampoline and swings. There is also a lovely play house (The Sun Hut), and a sand pit.

Upstairs in the house is the well equipped play room with TV and DVD facilities.

We do ask that parents ensure that children leave the rooms tidy after use please.

### Indoor Relaxation

The TV lounge upstairs is ideal for quiet relaxation and is equipped with a TV and DVD

player. There is a selection of books to borrow, both downstairs in the hall and on the upstairs landing. We also have an upstairs games room with table tennis and darts.

### Sauna

The sauna is located in the stable block and sessions are run on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 5 p.m. until approximately 7 p.m. for a suggested £2 donation. Friday evening 'chill out' saunas are held every month - see the notice board for details. Please observe the health warnings displayed in the sauna block.

### Wi-Fi

Wi-fi coverage is good inside the house and the grounds close to it. We have a limited download service so we would ask that users refrain from large downloads such as movies. The access code is displayed on the notice board in the tea room.

If you do require heavy Internet use, we would ask that you pop a donation in the treasurer's box in the hallway.

## Catering Facilities



### Tea Bar

The tea bar in the main house is available for tea, coffee and squash at a small charge. Ice creams and pizzas are also on sale here. Please pay in the honesty box provided. There is also a recycling box in this area.

## Kitchen

The main kitchen has two large cookers, microwaves, fridges and a freezer in the scullery, where there are also shelves for visitors' use. Please use the 'post-it' notes provided to label your food in the fridges.

For safety reasons please do not leave children under 12 alone in the kitchen.

A washing machine is available in the rear scullery (donation payable). Please leave soiled tea towels in the wash basket located here.

## Rubbish and Recycling

We aim to minimise the rubbish we generate. Recycling boxes for glass, plastic and cans are located in the rear scullery and there is one for ice cream boxes in the tea bar.

General waste should be placed in the bins provided, Please replace the sack if a bin is full and place the full sack in the wheely bin by the scullery door.

Please ensure that refuse is securely tied as animals may gain access at night and cause a mess.

If possible we would prefer that campers take recycling to one of the local recycling points (in Chalfont St. Peter and Chalfont St. Giles). Please ask for directions.

## Cleanliness and Food Hygiene

We respectfully ask that all visitors assist us in keeping the facilities useable by cleaning surfaces, washing up and putting away crockery etc.

If you wish to put any item(s) of food or drink in the fridge or freezer in the kitchen, please use one of the labels provided to label each item with your name, and the date you put it in the fridge / freezer.

Please throw away any unused food / drink unless you intend to consume it later.

items still in the fridge 7 days after they were first put there must be removed and disposed of and may be removed without notice by members. Uncooked vegetables and fruit should go in the compost bin and other foodstuffs should go in the food bin in the kitchen).

## Toilet & Washroom Facilities

The main toilet and shower facilities are in the main house, with a changing room adjacent. An accessible toilet is located in the hallway of the house.

Please help us keep these facilities pleasant by cleaning them after use. Please dry off in the shower area and do not track water across the floors adjacent as this can cause a slipping risk.

If the facilities are not satisfactory or there is need of supplies then please bring it to the attention of the caretakers or a committee member so that we may resolve any issues.

As the house is locked at night, access to the toilets is via the door at the rear of the house.

Further toilets and showers are available in the sauna suite (when open) and a basic toilet facility is located on the lower camping lawn adjacent to the volleyball court. (Summer only).

## General Information

### Photography

You may photograph members of your own party, but please respect the privacy of members and other visitors and do not photograph anybody without their express permission. Covert photography is completely unacceptable. Any breaches of these requirements may result in your stay being terminated without refund.

### Dogs

Dogs are not permitted onsite, except for assistance dogs.

### Conduct

Diogenes is a family orientated club where genuine naturism is practised. We therefore require standards of behaviour in line with those expected at non-naturist sites. We reserve the right to terminate your stay without refund in the event of inappropriate or antisocial behaviour.

The club's code of conduct, which applies to all members and visitors, is attached and is displayed on the noticeboard.

We ask that reasonable quiet is observed on site after 11 p.m.

### Child Safeguarding

Diogenes is a safe environment for children but there are a number of areas such as pools, which may be dangerous if not used correctly. Parents are expected to supervise their children while on site.

Diogenes operates a rigorous safeguarding policy to which all members subscribe. Any allegations of inappropriate behaviour involving children will be reported to the police without question.

### In an Emergency

The house fire alarm is a loud continuous tone. Please leave by the nearest fire exit and assemble on the rear lawn away from the house. Do not stop to collect belongings. Fire extinguishers are intended only to enable you to escape, so please do not attempt to fight the fire yourself. Fire buckets are also located in all camping areas.

Summon the fire brigade by dialling 999 or 112 and give the address as:

Hillview  
Shire Lane  
Chalfont St. Peter,  
SL9 0QY

A payphone is located in the main entrance lobby of the house. If the emergency services are called, please ensure that someone unlocks gate 2 and is present to flag down emergency service vehicles and direct them to the scene of the incident.

First aid kits are located in the kitchen, main hallway and sauna lounge.

### Contact Information

Telephone: 01494 873055 (house/caretakers)

A list of useful local numbers (such as Doctors) is on the tea bar notice boards.

Names and photographs of committee members are in the main hallway.

### Local Information

We keep a range of leaflets and flyers for local attractions, but why not ask our members for recommendations of places to visit, pubs, restaurants and shops etc. Many of our members are local and they will be pleased to help!

Diogenes is a member of the Chalfont St. Peter Chamber of Commerce and we encourage you to support local businesses. It is a beautiful village, with many small independent shops, as well as a good sized Co-Op store for your provisions There is a large Tesco store in Amersham.



*The High Street, Chalfont St. Peter*

Our local pub 'The Dumb Bell' is at the end of the lane and serves a wide range of food and drink. Just turn left out of the gates and it is a minute or two away.

Locally, the Chiltern Open Air Museum is a ten minute walk and is a delightful place to wander round to explore the range of old buildings from across the area, and lovingly restored.

Travel to London is possible from Amersham and Rickmansworth on the London Underground Metropolitan Line to Baker Street, or by Chiltern Trains to Marylebone from Rickmansworth, Amersham and Gerrards Cross.

Diogenes is also well located for major tourist attractions which are an easy drive away.

Firstly there is Windsor, home of the Monarch where, as well as the Castle, you can also explore the Thames on one of the many river cruises, or enjoy the famous Legoland theme park, with thrills for all the family.

We are also perfectly located for Harry Potter World at nearby Leavesden.

The local area has many attractive footpath walks to explore, including the Chiltern Way.

## Vehicle and Rig Information

For your notes:

### How Big is Your Rig?

Diogenes is a tranquil club set in the heart of the English countryside. It's a country estate, not a caravan park! Space is limited, so there are some practical limits on the size of rig (car and caravan combination or motorhome) that we can accommodate as follows:

#### **Caravans –**

- The maximum towing length, i.e., car & caravan rig, is 14 metres.
- Maximum length of caravan (shipping length, including drawbar) is usually 7 metres but up to 8 metres may be possible if some of our larger bays are available.
- Twin-axled caravans are not permitted.
- It's unlikely that you'll be able to back your caravan into our bays using your car so be prepared to manhandle your caravan or, better still, use a motor mover!
- No awnings are allowed.
- Cars must be parked in the separate car park, not in the caravan bays.

#### **Motorhomes**

The maximum length of motorhome we can accommodate is 10 metres. Even then, this may be too big for some of our bays.

Please ensure you let us know the size of your rig on your booking form so that we can allocate an appropriate bay for you.

The committee and  
members of Diogenes  
hope you have a  
wonderful stay!

