



Waterside Lodge

Southport District Scout Headquarters

Welcome to Waterside Lodge

Waterside Lodge is a modern, purpose built two -story Activity Centre on the Marine Lake, in Southport, Merseyside. The building has all modern services installed and is accessible to disabled users. It is easily reached on Southport Marine Drive, adjacent to the pier and beach.

There are two kitchens, each equipped to commercial standards, for 100 people.

The first floor Function Room is accessible by lift, can accommodate 150 people, and has an attractive balcony with views across the Marine Lake and the estuary of the River Ribble.

There is dormitory style accommodation in four 'bunkhouses', furnished with two tier bunks. Each has a mattress, but residents are requested to provide their own sleeping bags. The capacities of the bunkhouses are 26, 10, 4 and 4 – so that mixed parties can be separately accommodated.

There are heated showers with separate facilities for adults and young people.

There are separate 'wet' and 'dry' areas inside the building. Both the dining room and toilet/shower facilities are accessible from either the outside (wet) or the inside (dry). Guests are requested to respect the 'dry' areas, when engaged in activities.

Surrounding the building is an area which is suitable for games and many other outdoor activities.

The fully developed waterfront has separate areas for the various water sports offered at the Centre. Launching of private craft is not permitted without the prior consent of the Lake Concessionaire.

Waterside Lodge has its own minibus which is available for hire.



Waterside Lodge is also an excellent base for a wide variety of off-site activities.

In the immediate vicinity:

- VUE (multiplex cinema)
- Pier
- Dunes Leisure Centre
- Beach and Sand Dunes
- RSPB Marshside
- Ten Pin Bowling
- Town Centre and Shopping
- Skate Park
- Tawd Vale Scout Campsite
- Scarisbrick Guide Camp

Further afield are the attractions of Liverpool, Preston, Wigan, Blackpool, North Wales and the Lake District.

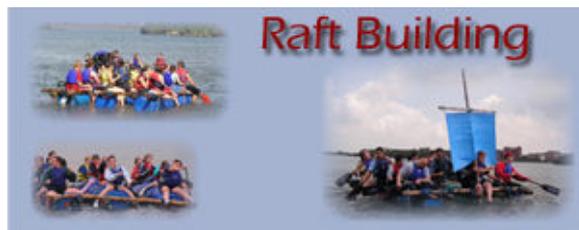
One of Britain's largest indoor climbing centres, Awesome Walls, is within easy reach.

There is a red squirrel reserve run by the National trust at Freshfield, just a few miles south down the coast, and the Wildfowl and Wetlands trust, Martin Mere reserve, a few miles inland.

The start of the coast-to-coast 'Pennine Trail' is close to Waterside Lodge.

Activities

The centre has a wide variety of craft for hire with suitably qualified instructors. Buoyancy aids and cagoules are provided in a variety of sizes.



Please note that, before a booking can be accepted, proof of qualifications is required by the administrator. In addition, evidence of the qualification must be presented to the Duty Warden before the activity commences.

Those groups without qualified instructors may, by prior arrangement with the administrator, use Waterside Lodge's own instructors, who are qualified by the appropriate national body for sailing, canoeing and safety boats.

Non-Scout groups using Waterside Lodge must produce a copy of their Child Protection Policy.



There is a wide variety of activities catered for including:

- Sailing
- Canoeing
- Power boating - for Safety Boat training
- Kayaking
- Raft Building
- Bell Boating
- Dragon Boating
- Team Building Events
- VHS Radio Courses



Waterside Lodge: Facilities

Waterside Lodge caters for a variety of needs and can offer wide range of facilities for different functions:



One large function room suitable for many types of events from Dinner Dances to Wedding receptions, with balcony overlooking Marine Lake. This also includes a kitchen.





Accommodation is available for forty-four people in four bunkrooms. Each room is equipped with double tier mattress bunk beds for twenty-six, ten, four and four respectively.

There are also multiple showers, washrooms and toilet and disabled facilities.

Meeting Room





Dining Room & Games Room.

