

# The wonders of WICKSTEED PARK



## Frequently asked questions:

### Who can attend this event?

This event is open to **all Girlguiding Anglia sections**: Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, and Rangers, along with their leaders. We are also offering spaces for parent helpers and dependent tickets for children of parent helpers or leaders.

### When and where is the event taking place?

The event will be held on **Saturday 25 April 2026** at **Wicksteed Park**, Barton Road, Kettering, NN15 6NJ.

### How much does it cost?

Tickets are **£16 per person**

### How do I book?

Follow the link to book your tickets: [bit.ly/4r5S2Gf](https://bit.ly/4r5S2Gf)

### What's included in the price?

Your ticket includes:

- Unlimited access to Wicksteed Park **rides and attractions**
- Scenic **train rides and heritage** experiences
- **Theatre shows** throughout the day
- Animal **petting zoo**
- Indoor **soft play area** (for under 8s only)
- Dedicated **Girlguiding-only zones and activities** (including crafts and access to the pavilion)
- A **special event badge** for every participant

### How do I pre-order a goody bag?

Goody bags can be pre-ordered ahead of the event when you make your booking online. If you have already made your booking and would like to add them to your booking, please email the team at [events@girlguiding-anglia.org.uk](mailto:events@girlguiding-anglia.org.uk). Goody bags cost £6 each and includes a Wicky bear, notepad and colouring crayons.

### What time does the event start and finish?

The first arrival slot will begin at 10am and the event will finish at 5pm. Please be aware the weekly Park Run will be taking place prior to our takeover event and we advise you avoid arriving earlier than your time slot.

### Is this a unit-led event?

Yes. Leaders are responsible for their girls on the day, but there will be volunteers and region staff onsite throughout the day.

### Can parent helpers attend?

**Yes**, parent helpers are welcome. They must be booked in advance and will be charged the same ticket price of **£16**.

### Can I bring my own children who are not Girlguiding members?

**Yes**, dependent tickets are available for children of parent helpers or leaders. This is to ensure that our event is **as accessible as possible to all leaders** wanting to attend.

### Will food be provided?

Food is **not included** in the ticket price. There are **food vendors on-site** which cater to a variety of dietaries, or you are welcome to bring a packed lunch or picnic.

### Will cash be accepted on the day?

Yes. The gift shop and a range of food vendors **accept both cash and card payments**. For full details on where cash is accepted, please visit Wicksteed Park's website: [wicksteedpark.org/food-and-drink/](http://wicksteedpark.org/food-and-drink/)

### Is the event accessible?

Wicksteed Park is **wheelchair-friendly**, with accessible paths and facilities. For **more details on their accessibility**, please refer to Wicksteed Park's website: [wicksteedpark.org/access-statement/](http://wicksteedpark.org/access-statement/)

### What happens if it rains?

This is an all-weather event and in true Girlguiding spirit, the event will be **taking place if it rains**. Some rides may be temporarily closed if there is heavy rainfall and windspeed exceeds 42mph, but this will be communicated across the tannoys around the park. We have access to the Pavilion for shelter if needed, but please come prepared with suitable clothing and waterproofs to ensure you stay comfortable throughout the day. However, in the unlikely case that extreme weather takes place and the event is required to be cancelled, we will communicate to you as soon as possible.

### Is parking available?

**Yes**, on-site parking is available at Wicksteed Park. There is a **£5 charge per car**, while **coach parking is free of charge**. Those who have paid for pre-booked parking will need to provide a vehicle registration number when checking in at the event. If you have not pre-booked parking, you will be able to purchase it on the day by heading to the registration desk and paying by card.

### Where do we drop off and pick up?

Designated drop-off and pick-up points will be **confirmed in the pre-visit information** pack to ensure smooth arrivals and departures. Please note, pick-up and drop off is limited to 20 minutes. When booking you will be asked your preferred arrival time which will be factored in the staggered arrival times.

### Will members of the public be on-site?

Yes, Wicksteed Park **will remain open to the public** during the event. However, **Girlguiding-only zones** will be clearly marked for our exclusive use.

### What time should I arrive?

Upon booking, you will be asked to provide us with your chosen **arrival time from 10:00 to 11:20am**. These staggered times will help us to avoid congestion around the park. Please **avoid** arriving early as Wicksteed are hosting Park Run on the morning of the event between **9:00 to 10:00am**.

### Will there be any extra costs on the day?

Your ticket covers all rides and attractions included in the event. Goody bags can be pre-ordered ahead of the event for an additional **£6 per girl**. Food, drinks, and souvenirs from the gift shop are optional extras.

### Are travel bursaries available?

**Yes, Girlguiding Anglia is offering travel bursaries to their members to help units with transport costs.**

The amount awarded is based on the distance from your unit meeting place to Wicksteed Park and will be calculated as follows, **per girl attending**:

25–50 miles: £2.50 per person  
50–75 miles: £3.50 per person  
75–100 miles: £5.00 per person  
100–125 miles: £7.50 per person  
125–150 miles: £10.00 per person  
150 miles or more: £12.50 per person

**You can apply for this once you have made the full payment for your tickets.** Please note, if you are attending this event outside of the Girlguiding Anglia region you will not be eligible to apply for this.

### I have found a missing child, what do I do?

If you have found a missing child, please **alert the closest available staff member**. If you are unable to locate a team member, please **accompany the child to the park Reception**.

### I have lost a child, what do I do?

If you lose your child, please **visit our park Reception**.

You can also call Wicksteed park **security team on 07483 112 045** who will be able to assist you further.

### What will the requirements for the girls be to go on the rides and attractions?

Please see the Wicksteed website for a full height and accompaniment guide: [wicksteedpark.org/height-guides/](http://wicksteedpark.org/height-guides/).

### Is there first aid on site?

The first aid room is located **opposite Reception** in the main precinct, which will be signposted on the map you will receive prior to your visit. If you require first aid when at the park, please alert a member of **Wicksteed Park staff**.

### What ratio of leaders do I need to have for the girls attending?

**Rainbows:** 1 adult for every 5 children with a minimum of 2 adults.

**Brownies:** 1 adult for every 8 children with a minimum of 2 adults.

**Guides:** 1 adult for every 12 children with a minimum of 2 adults.

**Rangers:** 1 leader with a recommended second adult.

Any questions, please contact our events team on [events@girlguiding-anglia.org.uk](mailto:events@girlguiding-anglia.org.uk). We look forward to seeing you and your members there for a wonderful day at Wicksteed Park!