



YOUR GUEST INFORMATION PACK

Welcome to Rockingham Forest Park

Ancient woodland, five lakes, a dismantled railway and a wartime airfield
— and everything you need to know about your stay.



Rockingham
Forest Park

PLEASE LEAVE THIS PACK BEHIND FOR THE GUESTS WHO FOLLOW YOU

YOUR STAY

Welcome

Every care has been taken to make sure your accommodation is ready for you and that you have everything you need for a relaxing stay. Please do come and find us if there is anything at all we can help with.

IF YOU NEED THE EMERGENCY SERVICES

Dial 999, then tell Guest Services so we can meet the crew at the gate and guide them to you.

Rockingham Forest Park
Wansford Road, Wansford
Peterborough PE8 6FR

Ambulance meeting point **///digits.bathtubs.afflict**
Defibrillator **///binds.attaching.hotel** – at the corner of Jack's Green, by the bin station. Every lodge and the Cottage has its own what3words location on the gate.

URGENT CARE NEARBY

Where	Closes	Drive
Urgent Treatment Centre, Peterborough City Hospital	8pm	15 min
Corby Urgent Care	8pm	26 min

Addresses and numbers on page 13. For medical advice or an emergency dentist, call **111**. Please check before setting off.

YOUR HOT TUB

The rules are on **pages 14 and 15**. Please read them before you get in – the lead booker is responsible for everyone in the party, including children and dogs.

FROM YOUR TELEPHONE

Dial 5009

or press the **assist** button

FROM A MOBILE

01780 432250

Out of hours **01780 432789**

THE COMMAND POST

Dial 5090

The bistro and shop

WI-FI NETWORK

RFP Guest

PASSWORD

RFPguest

Mobile signal is poor across the park, so it is worth turning on **Wi-Fi calling** – usually in your phone settings, under calls.

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Arriving and leaving

Both are contactless, so there is no need to call in at Guest Services. Everything you need arrives by email before you travel.

GETTING THROUGH THE GATE

Drive up to the black gates slowly. Entry is by the **code in your welcome email**, or the **fob on your key**. If neither works, dial **5009** or press the **assist** button and we will let you in.

CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT

Check-in from **4pm**

Check-out by **10am**

Your key **Key safe**

Early check-in and late check-out are not available. If you arrive before four, you are very welcome to park in the overflow car park and wait at The Command Post.

PARKING

- Every lodge, and the Cottage, has at least one parking space of its own.
- Anything extra goes in the overflow car park by The Command Post.
- Please keep off the grass and out of the passing bays — the road is not wide enough for two cars.
- Commercial vehicles in the overflow car park, please.

CHARGING AN ELECTRIC CAR

There is one **Pod Point** charger on site, for two cars. You will need to bring your own cable.



ARRIVING HUNGRY?

Scan for The Command Post takeaway menu. Order ahead and collect when it suits you.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE

- Return your key to the same key safe you collected it from.
- **Take your rubbish to one of the refuse areas.** Please do not leave bags out on the decking.
- Log out of any accounts you signed into on the television.
- The hot tub is not available on the day you leave — see page 14.

Indoors

A few things worth knowing about the telephone, the television and where the bins are. If anything at all is missing or not working, dial **5009** and we will put it right.

THE TELEPHONE

- **5009** for Guest Services, or press the **assist** button.
- **5090** for The Command Post — the bistro and shop.
- To call another lodge, dial **51** and then the lodge number.
- If a visitor calls you from the gate intercom, press **1** while you are talking to them and the gates will open.

TELEVISION

- Freeview as standard, with Chromecast if you would rather use your own subscriptions.
- Please log out of any accounts before you leave. We cannot take responsibility for accounts left signed in.

FULLY SELF-CATERING

Please bring everything you expect to need. We provide one linen set per bedroom, one hand towel per bathroom and one bath towel per guest.

Towels and linen are not replenished during your stay, though Housekeeping can do it for a fee — just ask.

WASTE AND RECYCLING

Rockingham Forest Park is Zero to Landfill, so recycling matters here. There are **four locations** across the park for general waste, recycling and glass, and a **glass box** for your glass.

Clear bags	Recycling
Black bags	General waste

LEFT SOMETHING BEHIND?

Email Guest Services with your booking reference, the dates of your stay and a description. Anything of value is held securely for two weeks. We cannot post medication or send parcels outside the UK.

A WOODLAND PARK

These are ancient woods, so branches do come down in the wind, and ticks are a possibility in long grass and bracken. Worth a look over everyone, dogs included, after a walk.



The park map

The Montgomery Park Walk starts at 1. The **Walks & Trails** leaflet has this map larger, with a description of each of the four walks — ask at Guest Services.



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Park boundary	Walking & cycle trails made by the park	Public footpath pedestrians only	Public bridleway walkers, horses, cycles	Byway minor public track	Road

NUMBERED ON THE MAP

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| 1 The Command Post, Guest Services and the Airfield Museum | 7 North Fields Walk | 12 Footpath to Kings Cliffe |
| 2 Railway Ramble | 8 South Fields Walk | 13 Footpath to Yarwell and Nassington |
| 3 Glenn Miller Memorial | 9 Acorn Lake | 14 Footpath to Nassington |
| 4 Sessile Lake | 10 Holm Lake | 15 Byway to Sulehay Forest and Wansford |
| 5 Turkey Lake | 11 Oak Lake | 16 Bridleway to Apethorpe |
| 6 LNWR Railway Bridge | | 17 Holm Lake Walk |

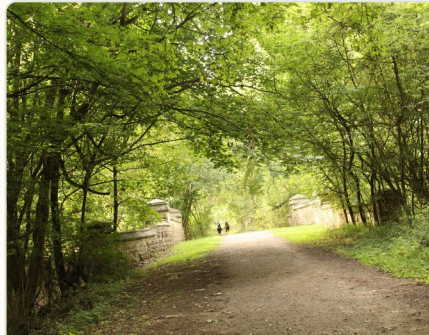
On the park

Most of it is a few minutes from your veranda, all of it is free to guests, and all of it is marked on the walking map.



The Command Post

A bistro and shop in the middle of the park: coffee, pizza, a glass of wine and local produce. Alfresco tables on the green. Dial **5090**.



Woodland walks

Four waymarked walks start at your veranda, with green fingerposts at the junctions. None are hard going, and most can be done in an hour.



Five lakes, two to fish

Oak Lake and Sessile Lake are open to anglers, both carp water. Rod licence and unhooking mat needed. No swimming, in any of them.



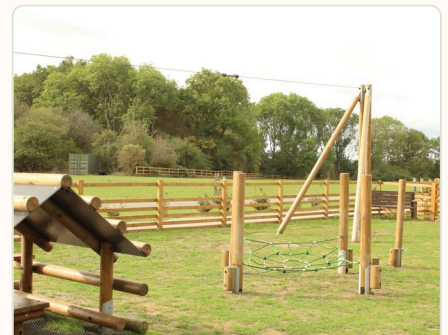
The trim trail

A run of timber obstacles set out along the **Railway Ramble**, for anyone who would rather not simply walk it.



The Fairy Fauna Trails

Little doors, tiny houses and wind chimes hidden through the trees, with a booklet to fill in. **Booklets from The Command Post.**



Play park and games

Climbing frames, a rope net and a reading corner, built by our own team. Football goals, giant chess, hopscotch and boules. Bring a ball.



The stargazing spot

Two chairs behind a woven willow screen beside Sessile Lake, with a board for what to look for. Lighting is kept low for the bats.



Kings Cliffe Airfield Museum

Beside The Command Post, keeping the story of RAF King's Cliffe and the 20th Fighter Group who flew from these fields.



The Glenn Miller Memorial

Marking the last hangar concert his orchestra gave, on 3rd October 1944 — **3** on the map.

On your doorstep

Woods, water and stone villages, most of them closer than the nearest supermarket. Within twenty minutes of the barrier you can be walking an ancient nature reserve or riding a steam train.

OLD SULEHAY NATURE RESERVE

1.5 MILES • 8 MIN

Two hundred acres of ancient woodland, limestone grassland and old ironstone quarries – one of the last surviving fragments of the original Rockingham Forest. No car park, just laybys on Sulehay Road, and dogs on leads for the grazing livestock.

YARWELL

1.5 MILES • 5 MIN

Your nearest village. A thirteenth-century church, the western terminus of the Nene Valley Railway, and the Angel Inn – a proper traditional pub with a serious cider list.

WANSFORD

2.5 MILES • 6 MIN

A Grade I listed twelve-arch bridge of 1577 once carried the Great North Road over the Nene here. The Haycock Manor and The Paper Mills both do lunch.

NASSINGTON

3 MILES • 11 MIN

The Prebendal Manor is the oldest surviving dwelling in Northamptonshire, with roots back to the reign of King Cnut. Pre-booked guided tours only.

BEDFORD PURLIEUS

4 MILES • 10 MIN

A National Nature Reserve and one of the most botanically rich woods in Britain, with over 450 plant species recorded and Roman iron-smelting remains under the trees. Only eight parking spaces at the north gate.

NENE VALLEY RAILWAY

4.5 MILES • 10 MIN

Seven and a half miles of heritage line from Wansford to Peterborough. Wansford station is open daily to look round the engines; running days vary, so check the calendar. Dogs travel for £2.

KING'S CLIFFE

5 MILES • 15 MIN

The limestone village our address comes from. Church, almshouses, William Law's eighteenth-century library and the Cross Keys Inn.

ELTON

6.5 MILES • 13 MIN

Thatch and stone on the far side of the Nene, with Elton Hall and its gardens on the edge of the village, and two good pubs a few hundred yards apart.

PUBS AND CLUBS WITHIN EASY REACH

The Angel Inn, Yarwell	1.5 mi	The Cross Keys Inn, King's Cliffe	5 mi
The Paper Mills, Wansford	2.5 mi	Kings Cliffe Club, King's Cliffe	5 mi
Haycock Manor, Wansford	2.5 mi	The White Swan, Woodnewton	5 mi
The Queens Head, Nassington	3 mi	The Black Horse, Elton	6.5 mi
		The Falcon Inn, Fotheringhay	10 mi

Several close at the start of the week and a few take no bookings. Worth a call before you set off.

Great houses and older history

This corner of the country has more history per square mile than almost anywhere. Most of these open seasonally and several only on set days of the week, so it is worth checking before you travel.

BURGHLEY HOUSE

STAMFORD · 10 MILES, 20 MIN

One of the grandest Elizabethan houses in England, built for William Cecil, Elizabeth I's Lord Treasurer. Eighteen state rooms, a Capability Brown park, a sculpture garden and a very good adventure playground. Mid-March to early November; the house is closed on Fridays.

FOTHERINGHAY

10 MILES, 20 MIN

Richard III was born at the castle here in 1452; Mary, Queen of Scots was executed in its hall in 1587. Only the earthworks survive, free to walk at any time, and the church is open daily. The Falcon Inn next door is the best lunch for miles.

ELTON HALL AND GARDENS

6.5 MILES, 13 MIN

A Gothic-revival house still lived in by the Proby family, whose library holds Henry VIII's own prayer book, given to him by Katherine Parr. Afternoons only, on set days from late May to the end of August. Booking recommended.

DEENE PARK

8.5 MILES, 18 MIN

Home of the Brudenells for five hundred years, including the 7th Earl of Cardigan, who led the Charge of the Light Brigade. Sundays and Tuesdays through the summer; gardens from 1pm, the house from 2pm.

KIRBY HALL

12.5 MILES, 25 MIN

A roofless Elizabethan showpiece finished by Sir Christopher Hatton, with peacocks roaming the gardens. James I stayed here nine times. Open most days in summer, weekends through the winter.

LYVEDEN

15 MILES, 30 MIN

Sir Thomas Tresham's garden lodge, left unfinished when he died in 1605 and covered in coded Catholic symbolism that nobody has fully explained. Free to National Trust members.

ROCKINGHAM CASTLE

15 MILES, 30 MIN

Nine hundred years of history on a ridge above the Welland, commissioned by William the Conqueror. Dickens stayed here often and used it as Chesney Wold in *Bleak House*. Tuesdays, Sundays and bank holiday Mondays, May to September.

FLAG FEN ARCHAEOLOGY PARK

16 MILES, 25 MIN

A Bronze Age causeway of more than 60,000 timbers, driven across the fen around three thousand years ago and still preserved in the waterlogged peat. Daily in summer, fewer days out of season.



ROCKINGHAM CASTLE

BEFORE YOU SET OFF

Nearly all of these open seasonally, and several only on set days of the week – Burghley is closed on Fridays, Deene Park opens Sundays and Tuesdays, Rockingham Castle Tuesdays and Sundays. Please check the venue's own website before you travel.



Scan for our **Local Attractions** page – more on each of these, and links to their own websites. Distances are approximate driving distances from the park.

Days out and towns

Farms, lakes, woods and one very large reservoir, all comfortably there and back before dinner — and four stone towns worth an afternoon on foot.

FOR A FULL DAY

SACREWELL

THORNHAUGH • 10 MILES, 15 MIN

A working farm with a Grade II* listed eighteenth-century watermill, an indoor playbarn and miles of rambles. Seven days a week, free parking, and well-behaved dogs on leads are welcome.

FERRY MEADOWS

PETERBOROUGH • 9 MILES, 15 MIN

A Green Flag country park on the Nene with lakes, three play areas, kayaks and paddleboards, and two cafés. Open every day of the year; free on foot, parking charges apply.

FINESHADE WOOD

10 MILES, 18 MIN

Forestry England's local site, with a café, five play areas, cycle hire, a family cycle trail and a free wildlife hide. Red kites were reintroduced to England from here — you will almost certainly see one.

BARNWELL COUNTRY PARK

OUNDLÉ • 12 MILES, 23 MIN

Thirty-seven acres of lakes and riverside with three short waymarked trails, off-lead areas for dogs and the Kingfisher Café. Free to enter, £3.50 to park.

RUTLAND WATER

15 MILES, 25 MIN

A reservoir big enough to feel like a coastline. Ospreys nest in Manton Bay, there is cycle hire all the way round, and an inflatable aqua park at Whitwell in summer.

HAMERTON ZOO PARK

17 MILES, 28 MIN

Around a hundred rare and endangered species across 25 acres, from big cats to bears, with a picnic area overlooking the cheetah paddock. Open every day except Christmas. No dogs.

JOHNSONS OF OLD HURST

22 MILES, 40 MIN

A family farm near Huntingdon that grew into a small zoo — lions, sloth bears, otters and Britain's first crocodile farm — alongside a butchery, farm shop, tea room and steakhouse, with a playground and a woodland walk.

WORTH A WANDER

STAMFORD

8.5 MILES, 15 MIN

England's first designated conservation area, with more than six hundred listed buildings in honey-coloured limestone. A big street market fills the centre on Fridays.

OUNDLÉ

11 MILES, 20 MIN

Independent shops and cafés round a stone market place, a general market every Thursday morning, and one of the country's oldest public schools, founded in 1556.

PETERBOROUGH

11 MILES, 20 MIN

The cathedral is the reason to go: Katharine of Aragon is buried there, and its painted wooden nave ceiling of around 1240 is one of only four left in Europe. Entry is by donation.

UPPINGHAM

15 MILES, 25 MIN

A Rutland market town that has held a charter since 1281. Friday market, antiquarian bookshops, and good places to eat around the square.

CAMBRIDGE

45 MILES, 1 HOUR

Worth giving a whole day to. King's College Chapel has the largest fan vault in the world, there is punting on the Cam, and the Fitzwilliam Museum is free.

Distances are approximate. Opening days change through the year — please check before you travel.



RUTLAND WATER



PETERBOROUGH



FOR OUR FOUR-LEGGED GUESTS

Well behaved dogs are very welcome

In our dog-friendly accommodation, that is – and we are not able to accept other pets. A maximum of **two medium-sized dogs** per booking; we cannot accommodate large breeds, or any breed on the dangerous dogs list.

AROUND THE PARK

- Please keep your dog **on a lead** anywhere on the park. The only exception is the fenced dog agility park.
- Please be mindful of the wildlife that roams free in the wooded areas.
- Please clear up after your dog. There are dog waste bins around the site, with bags if you need them.
- Dogs must be kept out of the children's play area.

INDOORS

- Please do not leave your dog unsupervised indoors. A dog left alone has to be reported to the authorities – it is not safe for the dog.
- Dogs are not allowed on the furniture or the beds.
- Dogs must not go in the hot tub.
- Please do not take your dog into a lodge that is not listed as dog friendly.
- Please respect your neighbours by not letting your dog bark excessively.

THE DOG PARK AND DOG WASH

A fenced run with weave poles, a ramp and a jump, so the lead can come off safely. Beside it, a dog wash with a raised tub and six programmes, card operated – bring a card rather than coins.



Staying safe on the park

IF THERE IS A FIRE

- **Get everyone out, and stay out.** Do not go back in for anything.
- **Phone 999** and give the address opposite.
- Then tell us — **5009** or the **assist** button — so we can meet the crew at the gate and bring them to you.

Give 999 this address

Rockingham Forest Park, Wansford Road, Wansford, Peterborough PE8 6FR

ASSEMBLY POINT

The Glenn Miller Memorial

Marked **3** on the park map. Wait there until we tell you it is safe to go back.

OUT AND ABOUT

- Please follow the road signs and keep to the park **speed limit of 10mph**. People walk along the roads here.
- Keep to the footpaths after dark. We use low lighting because the park sits in the direct pathway of protected bats, so a torch is worth packing.
- The animals on and around the park are **wild**. Please keep a safe distance, and do not try to feed or touch them.
- **There is no swimming in any of the lakes, at any time.**

FIRE PREVENTION

- All accommodation is **non-smoking**.
- Fireworks, Chinese lanterns and sparklers are **not allowed anywhere on the park**.
- Please avoid using candles and tea lights.
- Use and dispose of barbecues correctly — see page 12.
- Please respect your neighbours by keeping noise to a minimum after **11pm**. Large groups and parties are not permitted.

WHAT IS FITTED FOR YOU

- | | |
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| — Smoke alarm | — Fire blanket |
| — Carbon monoxide alarms | — Dry powder extinguisher |

Worth finding them when you arrive. Only tackle a small fire if you are between it and the way out — otherwise leave it and get everyone out.

SMOKING AND VAPING

Cigarettes, vape pens and e-cigarettes are prohibited inside your accommodation and around the hot tub.



BARBECUES

Cooking outside

Disposable barbecues go on a **Hook & Cook** stand, either on your own decking or in the communal BBQ area – an open-sided timber shelter with picnic benches under it, so you can cook and eat outside whatever the weather. It is first-come, first-served and cannot be reserved. Disposable barbecues are on sale at The Command Post.

GETTING READY

- Place it securely on a **Hook & Cook** stand. Never on a table, the ground or any other surface.
- The base gets very hot, and ash stays hot even when it looks dead.
- Never use a disposable barbecue in an enclosed space, because of carbon monoxide.
- Do not light it close to anything flammable.
- Avoid using it in very hot weather or high winds.
- Keep a **bucket of water or sand** nearby in case of emergency.

LIGHTING AND COOKING

- Use matches or a lighter. **Never add extra fuel or lighting agents.**
- Do not refill the tray with more charcoal after use.
- Use long-handled tools to reduce the risk of burns.
- The top, sides and base all get extremely hot while in use.

PUTTING IT OUT

- Pour water or sand directly onto the embers or ash.
- Let it cool completely before you move it – allow several hours – and make sure it is **completely cold** before you throw it away.

Please leave the communal area tidy and use the bins provided. If anything needs attention, dial **5009**.

Shops, taxis and useful numbers

STAMFORD — ABOUT 9 MILES

Supermarket	Address
Morrisons	Uffington Road, PE9 2FT
Waitrose	West Street, PE9 2PR
Sainsbury's	Unit 1, Ryhall Road, PE9 1UG
Lidl	Unit 5, Ryhall Road, PE9 1UG
Aldi	Uffington Road, PE9 2BF
Tesco Express	46-51 High Street, PE9 2BD

PETERBOROUGH — ABOUT 11 MILES

Supermarket	Address
Morrisons	Lincoln Road, Walton, PE4 6WS
Tesco	Serpentine Green, PE7 8BD
Sainsbury's	Bretton Centre, PE3 8DA
Lidl	Sugar Way, PE2 9AY
Aldi	Bretton Centre, PE3 8DF
Asda	Rivergate Centre, PE1 1ET



The Command Post carries enough to save a trip out — and firewood, kindling and disposable barbecues too.

LOCAL TAXIS

There is no taxi rank in Wansford, so it is worth booking ahead.

Peterborough Cars	01733 704444
A2B Euro Cars	01733 566666
Ace Cabs, Stamford	01780 767676
Skyline Cabs, Stamford	01780 250250
Corby Star Cars	01536 443322
Flash Cars, Corby	01536 505050

URGENT CARE AND VETS

Emergency services	999
NHS non-urgent	111
Vets for Pets, Bretton	01733 261094
Corby Urgent Care	01536 202121

Urgent Treatment Centre, Peterborough City Hospital, Bretton Gate, Peterborough PE3 9GZ — closes 8pm. Call **111** first.

Corby Urgent Care, Cottingham Road, Corby NN17 2UR — closes 8pm

Vets for Pets, The Bretton Centre, Peterborough PE3 8DN

Parking, electric car charging, the gate code and check-out are on **page 3**. Waste and recycling, the telephone and the television are on **page 4**.

Your hot tub

There are rules to follow, and they matter — please read them before you get in. The **lead booker is responsible** for making sure everyone in the party follows them, children and dogs included.

YOUR TUB ON ARRIVAL

Every tub is drained and refilled after each departure, which takes time. We will do our very best to have yours up to temperature ready for you, but this cannot be guaranteed.

WHEN YOU CAN USE IT

- Not **before 8.00am or after 11.00pm**.
- Not on the **day you leave** — the team needs to drain and refill it.
- Not during **high winds**.

WHO SHOULD NOT USE IT

- Anyone **under 5 years of age**.
- Anyone who is **pregnant**.
- Anyone who has had **diarrhoea or repeated vomiting in the last 14 days**.
- If you have **any health condition**, please seek advice from a GP or medical professional first.
- We would rather you did not use the tub on your own.

HOW LONG FOR

- Any child **under 16** must be supervised by an adult at all times, and should limit sessions to **seven minutes or less**.
- Everyone else: about **fifteen minutes** at a time, then a break to cool down.
- Please supervise children whenever the lid is off, whether or not anyone is in.



STAYING SAFE

- Take care getting in and out. Surfaces are slippery, and the decking can be treacherous when wet or icy.
- Keep your face and head above the water, and avoid swallowing it.
- Tie long hair up, or wear a swimming cap.
- Take contact lenses out.
- Best avoided after a heavy meal or a drink.
- Please respect other guests' privacy, and keep the noise down.

The cover, and looking after it

The lid is heavier than it looks and it is the one part of the tub that gets damaged, so it is worth a minute's reading.

TAKING THE COVER OFF

- Unclip the holding straps.
- Standing at the side of the tub, fold back the front half of the lid.
- Gently lift the black bar until it reaches the stop position. The lid will then rest upright.
- **No cover lifter arm?** Lift the cover off and rest it somewhere safe, away from the tub. Please do not hang it over the decking handrail — use the bracket if one is provided.

PUTTING IT BACK

- Press the red release button and lower the lid gently into place.
- Close the lid whenever the tub is not in use, so it holds its temperature. If it feels too warm, leave the lid off for a while before you get in.

Where possible the cover should be handled by two people, one either side of the tub. Any damage to the tub or its cover will be charged for.

NOT IN OR AROUND THE HOT TUB

- Running, jumping or diving
- Food and drink, including alcohol
- Glass containers of any kind
- Smoking, including e-cigarettes
- Electrical equipment
- Dogs
- Dangling jewellery

Some jewellery and swimwear may discolour in hot tub water.

HYGIENE

- Please shower before and afterwards.
- Remove make-up, creams and fake tan before you get in.
- Please encourage children to use the lavatory first.
- No foaming agents — bubble bath, shower gel or essential oils.

LOOKING AFTER IT

- The temperature is set between **38 and 40°C**. Please do not adjust it.
- Our team checks the water quality and the equipment **twice a day**.

SOMETHING NOT RIGHT?

If the tub appears faulty or unsuitable in any way, please tell us **straight away** — dial **5009** from your telephone, press the **assist** button, or call Guest Services on **01780 432250**.



ANYTHING AT ALL

We are just along the path

Guest Services sits beside The Command Post, on the western side of the lodges.
Dial **5009** from your phone, press the **assist** button, or call us.

01780 432250

Out of hours **01780 432789**
guestservices@rockinghamforestpark.co.uk

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