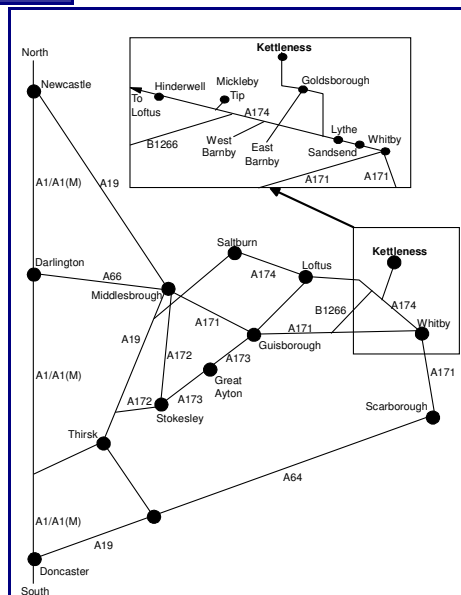


## Places of Interest

- CAPTAIN COOK COUNTRY** This area is where the explorer Captain Cook grew up. The 'Captain Cook Trail' starts from his birth place in Marton, and travels down to Whitby from where he set sail on his many expeditions.
- RUNSWICK** A delightful fishing village with cottages clinging to the cliff face in a remarkable way. Situated 1½ miles away it can be reached via a walk along the dis-used railway track, then following the path down onto the fine sandy beach. The bay is an ideal location for projects and activities, and the small shop at the end of the bay will supply sweets & ice cream etc. in plenty.
- SANDESEND** Another beautiful beach which stretches 2½ miles to Whitby. It can be reached by following the Cleveland Way along the cliff for approx. 3 miles, or easy access via road.
- WHITBY** A fishing port and seaside resort at the mouth of the River Esk. The Abbey, St Mary's Church and the Lifeboat Museum are all worth a visit. There is also a Dracula Museum, the usual amusement arcades etc. and lots of links with Captain Cook. Whitby is well worth a visit, and a climb up the famous 199 steps to the Abbey is a must for new visitors.
- SCARBOROUGH** Situated approx. 15 miles past Whitby, probably the largest seaside resort on the North East coast. This has all the seaside facilities you would expect: Outdoor(heated) swimming pool, Kinderland (ideal for the smaller kids), Sea Aquarium, Ten Pin Bowling and Live shows. There are two enormous beaches and all the usual amusement arcades and razzmatazz.
- GROSMONT** This is the terminus of the North York Moors Railway, which runs through the very picturesque Newton Dale to Pickering. Most of the trains on this line are steam hauled. Go back in time, with the sounds and smells of 'Steam'.
- DANBY LODGE** Located just outside the village of Danby, the Lodge is the main visitors centre for the North York Moors National Park. There are 13 acres of meadow, woodland, and picnic areas. There is also a small café, shop and orienteering course.
- LYTHE** A small village a couple of miles away where the Post Office Grocery Store should provide for the small things you have forgotten. St Oswalds Church sits at the top of Lythe Bank, a 1 in 4 hill leading to Sandsend.
- FLAMINGO PARK** A bit further away at Pickering but with all the "Heart Stopping" rides the kids want and expect from a theme park. The park also includes a Zoo within the price.

## How to find us



## Further Information & Bookings

### Seonee Lair may be viewed by prior arrangement

You will find our rates very competitive, and value for money. No hidden or extra charges for services etc. Please phone for availability.

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**(Both the above may help with non Booking Queries)**

**Visit our websites:** www.eastclevelandscouts.org.uk  
**and:** Search 'Scoutbase' then Campsites by County = North Yorkshire

Tourist Information is available, in the Leaders' Lounge, for visitors from afar. Members of our Fellowship have also prepared several small walks around Kettleness. Copies of these walks are also available at the centre.



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## SEONEE LAIR CAMP SITE and ACTIVITY CENTRE

Converted  
Railway Station  
& Grounds  
at  
Kettleness  
near  
Whitby

Situated  
on  
North Yorkshire  
Coast

## History

Seonee Lair is a converted Railway Station that still retains some of its original features.

The picture below shows the station when it was still in use but the signal box, track and platform canopy have since been removed. The picture on the cover shows how the centre looks now.

The station dates back to the 1880's when it was on the line from Middlesborough to Whitby which went via Guisborough, Skelton, Brotton and then followed the coast.



The line through Kettleness was used until 1958 when it was closed as a passenger route.

Since the District took over the lease in 1964, much has been improved. Originally, straw had to be collected to fill palliases and lighting was by Paraffin Lights and candles. Now bunk beds with hygienic mattresses are used throughout and thankfully electricity has been installed.

Central heating and double-glazing ensure that Seonee Lair is usable all year round.

## Location

Seonee Lair is located in the hamlet of Kettleness that comprises a few cottages and a couple of farms.

It has lovely open sea views, being perched upon the cliff top. This part of the East Coast is the highest and forms part of the northern coastal boundary of the North York Moors National Park.



[The hamlet of Kettleness](#)  
(Runswick Bay lies to the left)

Its map reference is 832156 and the OS Maps for the area are:

1:50000	Land Ranger Series	WHITBY (Sheet 94)
1:25000	Outdoor Leisure	North York Moors (East)
1:63360	Tourist Map (1")	North York Moors

The hamlet of Goldsborough, some ½ mile inland and through which one travels to reach Kettleness, has Roman origins with the site of a Roman signal station. The Cleveland Way long-distance footpath runs through Kettleness and may be used to explore the rugged coastline. Kettleness is about 6 miles from the fishing port of Whitby, 20 miles from Teesside and 30 miles from Scarborough.

## Accommodation

The building accommodates 48 people and has the following facilities:

### Ground Floor

- Entrance Hall with Toilet, and a small Leaders' Bedroom with one bunk bed
- Leaders' Lounge with easy chairs, table and gas fire.
- Dining Room with tables and seating, gas fire and a fridge/freezer
- Kitchen fully fitted and equipped with sufficient crockery and eating utensils for 50 people. Also available are another fridge/freezer, toasters, and electric kettles. Adequate storage facilities are provided for provisions. Cooking is on a large propane gas stove with 6 burners and double oven. A microwave is also available for use.
- Two adjoining light and airy dormitories, each sleeping 14 in bunk beds
- Toilet area and urinal, 3 WC's, 5 hand basins and communal showers

### First Floor

- 3 good sized bedrooms with bunk beds, each sleeping 6.
- Bathroom with WC and 2 showers

### Notes...

- It is written into our lease that **NO CARAVANS** are permitted on the site. Failure to comply risks losing the lease on the property. We would appreciate all visitors complying with this rule.
- Tents may be erected on the playing field situated within the centre grounds
- If further accommodation is provided by tents it must be appreciated that additional eating utensils etc. will need to be supplied yourselves.

## Services

**ELECTRICITY and GAS** are supplied at **no additional charge**. **WATER** is supplied at **no additional charge** but is metered so care should be taken to minimise wastage to help keep running costs down

**HEATING** - Background heating, on a timed basis, is provided by means of radiators in all the sleeping accommodation.

The Dining Room & Leaders' Lounge have additional Gas Fires and the Activity Hut is adequately heated by electric convector Heaters. **No additional charges** are made for heating.

**WASTE DISPOSAL** - A dustbin is supplied for the disposal of rubbish but we are limited to one bin. We encourage re-cycling where possible. Excess rubbish must be removed and where possible taken home

**TELEPHONE** - a coin-box phone is available in the Leaders' Lounge

## Facilities

**ACTIVITY HUT:** A 10m x 6m activity hut, with tables and chairs, is available just beyond the main building.



Particularly useful on rainy days and for indoor night time activities.

Large groups also use this for eating purposes

**ALTAR FIRES:** There are 3 altar fires for outdoor cooking

**CAMPFIRE:** A campfire circle is available with a limited amount of firewood. Visitors to supply their own saw and axes and no fires should be lit other than in the camp fire pit or the altar fire places! Fires should be kept small and under supervision to minimise any risk to adjacent fields.

**ACTIVITY AREAS:** There are two playing fields available. One may be used for games, or tents if additional accommodation is required. The other is a rougher area for wide games etc. The unique grassed railway track between platforms provides another safe play area, but we ask that ball games are not played here.

## Maintenance

Seonee Lair is maintained to a high standard by the Kettleness Committee members, and volunteers, under the guidance of our non-residential voluntary warden.

Help is always available should any significant problems occur and a Faults Log, located in the Leaders Lounge, is checked after every visit and repairs etc. carried out accordingly.

Additional offers of help with maintenance activities are always welcome and "*Good Turns*" can be done upon request during visits.

## Advanced Visits

Groups often wish to carry out an advanced visit but can only do so by prior arrangement. It must be appreciated that the centre is heavily used and it is unfair to expect occupants to show people round. All such visits must be arranged through the Booking Secretary who will make arrangements with the visitors or with our warden if the centre is not in use.