

UNION TOURISTIQUE LES AMIS DE LA NATURE

Section Saint-Louis

REFUGE DE LA BIRGMATTE

RES-001 – HOUSE RULES

YOUR HOUSE RULES AT THE AMIS DE LA NATURE REFUGE DE LA BIRGMATTE

We are delighted to welcome you to our Refuge de la Birgmatte, created through the voluntary work of many generations.

Our constant aim to provide the greatest possible satisfaction and comfort does not prevent us from reminding you of the main conditions of your stay.

Please note first of all that the services at the refuge are provided voluntarily by members of our association. Please be understanding; they are ready to help you if needed.

Our association is non-profit. The price of your stay enables us to maintain the facilities for your comfort, but does not exclude your moral and practical participation in the rules of community life.

If these rules are not respected, the refuge manager is entitled to take any necessary measures, up to and including expulsion.

Waste bags are available at the refuge. As there is no waste collection service, you must take your waste away with you. Tidying and cleaning the refuge are your responsibility.

OPENING HOURS

The refuge is open to the public from Saturday at 3:00 pm until Sunday at 5:00 pm. For a reservation outside this period, please contact the person responsible for reservations.

YOUR ARRIVAL

First, report to the person on duty at the refuge with your reservation form. You will be invited, if you wish, to enter your name in the accommodation register, sign the key handover document and familiarise yourself with the safety instructions.

Members of “Amis de la Nature” should present their current membership card showing that their subscription is up to date.

NOISE

Quiet is requested from 10:00 pm to 7:00 am. The use of any sound source must not disturb the rest of nearby residents.

SMOKING

Smoking is strictly prohibited inside the refuge.

ANIMALS

Guests may be accompanied by domestic animals. Dogs may be admitted to the bedrooms with their owners provided that they do not get onto the beds.

KITCHEN

A kitchen and the necessary crockery are available. Crockery must be washed in hot water and returned to the places where it was found. The cooker and refrigerators must be cleaned by users without abrasive products. Do not store food or personal belongings on the worktops; use the designated storage areas. Rubbish bags are available. Rubbish and glass must be taken away with you.

COMMON ROOM

Please note that you may have to share it with other groups. Tables must not be cluttered with personal belongings. They must be cleaned and returned to their original positions if you have rearranged them. The table with the corner bench is reserved for the refuge wardens.

BEDROOMS

Everyone is asked to bring a sleeping bag or a flat sheet. Fitted sheets are provided if requested. Blankets, pillows and pillowcases are available. Do not enter the bedrooms wearing shoes. We do not have cots. For very young children, we recommend bringing waterproof mattress protectors. Children under 6 are not permitted to use the upper bunks.

SANITARY FACILITIES

Sanitary facilities are provided and we ask you to maintain them in a strictly clean and hygienic condition. As our septic tank is sensitive, only toilet paper may be flushed.

OUTDOOR FACILITIES

Outdoor tables are available; please ask the warden. The barbecue is provided for grilling. Do not light fires elsewhere. We do not provide the equipment required to operate it. Dry wood may be collected in the forest provided that plants are not damaged. A basket of wood can be purchased for €5. The warden can provide pétanque balls and table-tennis tables.

PARKING

Parking vehicles immediately around the refuge – except when unloading luggage – is discouraged because these areas are intended for recreation. A car park is available further uphill.

BREAKAGE, DAMAGE, LOSS, THEFT

In the event of breakage or damage caused by a user, the refuge manager will assess the loss and request reimbursement. The section accepts no responsibility for personal belongings and declines all liability in the event of loss or theft. Lockers are available on request.

ENVIRONMENT

Above all, we want you to enjoy this natural setting, where the woods and countryside hold many wonders. Do not pollute, uproot or destroy; respect the balance of fauna and flora, which deserve to live in harmony. In the silence you will hear birdsong. As you follow the many marked trails inviting you to explore, you may encounter a roe deer, a wild boar ... or the Easter Bunny!

The volunteers of Amis de la Nature de Saint-Louis welcome you and wish you a pleasant stay.

May your stay help awaken in you a shared ideal: that of community and association life, which we have a duty to preserve.

If you are interested in the movement, please ask the President about the many benefits available to members.

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