

# TRIDENT PLOUGHSHARES COULPORT DISARMAMENT CAMP 8<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> July 2017



*Here is some information about the camp that you might find helpful as well as a few guidelines which will make everyone's stay more fun and hassle-free.*

## **Welcome to Coulport Camp**

The Peaton Glen Wood campsite is about half a mile from the Coulport base, by the shores of Loch Long. There is a small grassy field at the roadside and beyond that beautiful mixed woodland.

These nine days are a big focus point of the campaign when we carry out direct disarmament work at the Faslane and Coulport bases. It's also a time for strengthening our ability to work well together, for bringing new people into the campaign, for renewing our vision and commitment, and for good fun.

You do not have to be a Trident Ploughshares member to attend the camp. So long as you are willing to abide by our non-violent guidelines you will be very welcome. There will be short non-violence workshops for people who haven't taken part in one previously.

**Booking and Registration.** Please send in the booking form to let us know you intend to come – we need this information to plan facilities and order food in advance. Then register at the welcome table when you arrive at the camp. Registration is for your safety and it also helps us to get in touch with people after the camp if we need to. This will include legal support registration so that we can keep track of people if they are arrested after taking action. People who spend a night or more at the camp are asked to sign up to simple nonviolence guidelines which also commits you not to use alcohol or drugs while you are at the camp. Please note you can come for part or all of the time.

**Workshops.** As well as the non-violence workshops mentioned above we will have a number of workshops on topics related to the campaign. Feel free to bring materials to run a workshop on anti-nuclear campaigns you are involved in.

**Disarmament Tools** We will have at the camp a small supply of disarmament tools but if you are able to bring your own bolt-cutters, hammers, locks, chains, etc. so much the better! Please bring along your (portable) musical instruments, dressing up gear, chalk, juggling stuff etc, - for disarming with fun and colour.

**Camping** You will need your own tent and sleeping stuff. Please pitch your tents on the higher ground. The lower field (next to the phone box) is reserved for those who cannot physically get on to the top bit, and people doing press and legal support. Please don't camp on the other field (towards Coulport), and keep any noise near to the house there to a minimum. Please bring a torch with you to get you around the site (and maybe elsewhere!) after dark. Boots or sturdy shoes are also advisable – explorations of the bases and their surroundings involves tramping across rough and soggy ground. Insect repellent is essential. (Tip: Avon's Skin so Soft dry oil spray is highly recommended as effective and less toxic than most repellents although it's sold as a moisturiser! – available from their website)

The camp has compost toilets. You can get small quantities of hot water for washing from the kitchen. In nearby Helensburgh there is a swimming pool and launderette. If you would like to join us but are unable to camp please make your own arrangements or get in touch well in advance so that we can try and co-ordinate local accommodation.

**Dogs** Please leave your dogs at home. If there are very special circumstances which make that very difficult to do so please be in touch before the camp to discuss it. Where an exception is made there will be a strict code for the management of dogs. The adjoining fields have sheep.

**Children** This is an action camp and there are no special arrangements for looking after small children. Please look after them constantly or arrange for someone else to. Children of all ages could get lost in the woods or get injured on the road or in the gully, Please warn them about the dangers. Some children's activities might be arranged informally by camp participants.

### **Young people**

Trident Ploughshares has a policy that anyone who is under 16 has someone at the camp who acts as a responsible adult for them. If you are under 16 we ask that your parents make this arrangement with someone, preferably someone you know who is also coming to the camp, and that you bring a letter from your parents authorising that person to be responsible. Also if you are considering doing anything arrestable you need a letter authorising this person to collect you from custody although the police might still insist on your parents coming.

**Food** There will be a communal kitchen, where main meals will be cooked (vegan). At other times feel free to make hot drinks and snacks here. Also volunteer to help with chopping veg, washing up, fetching water, collecting firewood etc. Please put donations for food in the collecting bucket in the kitchen area or give it to the welcome team when you arrive.

**Costs.** We don't ask a fee for camping but we do ask people to make donations, as they are able, to cover the costs of the camp as a whole (this is for phones, power, transport etc.) As a guide we are suggesting £5- 10 a day which includes food & drinks. Don't worry if you can't contribute – the main thing is to be there - but it might be an idea to try to

raise some sponsorship in your local area to cover your camp costs.

### **Camp organisation, meetings etc**

We expect all campers either to be in an established affinity group, to link up to one for the camp or to form an ad-hoc camp affinity group with others. Decision-making for the camp will be at evening meetings attended by two representatives from each affinity group. It is up to each affinity group to sort out how they meet to prime their rep and get feedback. There will be a short information-sharing meeting just after the evening meal each day.

### **Task Groups**

We ask each camper to be part of a Task Group so that the disarmament and support work gets done effectively and everyone plays a part. We will have task groups for cooking, camp maintenance, facilitating meetings, legal support, police liaison, media, registration and information, transport etc. You could be thinking now about which one you might be part of – and if you have ideas about that get in touch with us (see below for contacts).

In exchange for staying in Peaton Wood the Trust, which is responsible for the wood, is asking us to help with some work. This will be things like cutting down rhododendrons, pulling up unwanted evergreen saplings, reinstating paths and drains etc.

### **Communications**

We will have a communications tent which handles media and legal support work and can do other basic office stuff. From there we can help you to write up and e-mail stories to your local area or country (bring the contact details with you!). There will be a power source to charge up your phone so remember your charger.

### **Transport**

We will have a minibus and a number of cars for getting about. Parking at the campsite is limited but there is a big lay-by not far away where you can park at your own risk. With an enthusiastic police presence ensure that your vehicle is legal. Bikes are useful (It's a 15 mile hilly cycle from Helensburgh Central station)

### **Camp Timetable**

Thurs 6 and Fri 7 July	set up camp
Saturday 8 July	Camp starts
Sunday 9 July	Camp action planning and training
Monday 10-Fri 14	Disrupting Trident!!
Wed 12 July	Join the regular weekly vigil at Faslane 4-5pm
Saturday 15 July	Planning for future action including Shut Down the Arms Fair in September
Sunday 16 July	Sorting out the camp equipment & departures
Monday 17 July	Take down the camp

During the camp there will also be plenty of affinity group based actions. Come along and join one of the ad hoc affinity groups which will form to accommodate all tastes, ages and abilities!

## LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING!

For more information before the camp and a booking form see website:

[www.tridentploughshares.org](http://www.tridentploughshares.org)

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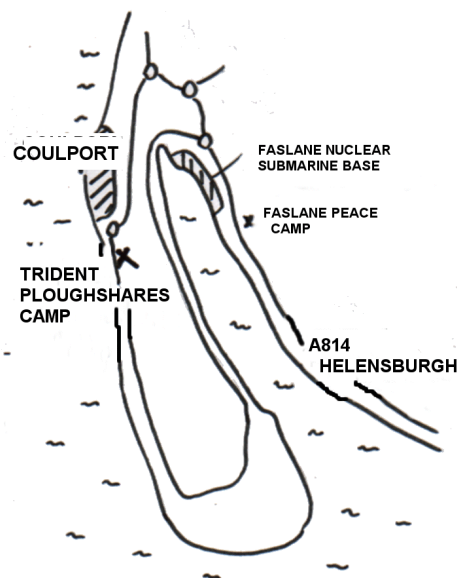
call 0345 45 88 362 (from outside UK ++441968 677401)

### How to get to Peaton Wood

**By road** take the A82 to Dunbarton and then the A814 to Helensburgh. Continue out of Helensburgh on the A814, through Rhu, at the first roundabout (Faslane North Gate) turn right. Go straight through the next two roundabouts. At the next roundabout (Coulport main gate) turn left. After about a mile you will find the campsite on the left next to the telephone box.

You can get to Helensburgh by **rail**. There are two trains an hour from the lower level of Queen Street Station in Glasgow to Helensburgh Central. The service **bus** to Coulport which passes the TP camp leaves from the stop opposite Helensburgh Station every hour during the day until 10pm (except on Sundays when its 2 hourly) - It takes about 45mins on the bus from Helensburgh, passing Faslane Peace Camp, Faslane base, through Garelochhead and then right around the Rosneath peninsula. Ask the driver to drop you off at the phone box at Ardpeaton.

**If you miss the last bus connection at Helensburgh do call the camp on 03454588362 and we will try and arrange a lift.**



### Our nonviolence guidelines are as follows:-

- ◆ I will not engage in physical violence or verbal abuse toward any individual and will carry no weapons.
- ◆ I will not bring or use any alcohol or drugs other than for medical purposes.
- ◆ I will respect all the various agreements concerning the actions.
- ◆ I will act safely at all times and act responsibly to ensure that no harm comes to any living being including myself.
- ◆ We will clear blockades to allow emergency vehicles (not police) in or out of a site and resume any blockades afterwards