



TravCon08 UK



Introduction

TravCon08 is a UK Traveller roleplaying convention near Sawtry (between Peterborough and Huntingdon just off the A1M), on the weekend of 14-16 March 2008.

There is space for about 30 attendees for a great weekend of Traveller roleplaying. Information on the available games will be publicised over the coming weeks and we are looking for volunteers to run games.

We look forward to meeting you at TravCon08.

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The Venue

TravCon08 is being held at:

Redwings Lodge
Old Great North Road
Sawtry, Huntingdon
Cambridgeshire, PE28 5XP

Tel: 01487 830100 Fax: 01487 831700

Web: www.redwingslodge.co.uk

Accommodation

The hotel is comfortable, with en-suite facilities in all rooms, albeit not Savoy quality. There are ground floor rooms for a limited number of attendees (disabled attendees will get priority on these – please ensure you indicate any such requirement when you book).

Food

A small bar/eating area provides “continental” breakfast facilities as well as a couple of on-tap beers and a range of bottled drinks (soft and alcoholic) and coffee.

Beside the hotel, “Spice Land” offers an “eat as much as you like” Indian buffet (for about £6 lunch or £11 dinner); they don’t have an alcohol licence, so you can bring your own drinks or get them from the hotel.

Also beside the hotel is a service station which stocks snacks, microwave food, etc. as well as petrol.

A few minutes drive away is Sawtry, with take-aways (Fish & Chips; Chinese) and a Co-op store, as well as a chemist, Post Office and Nationwide building society.

Games and Events

To help people plan their days and to give everyone a chance to play in several games, we are dividing up the time using a simple “slot” system where each slot lasts about 4 hours. We will have 5 or 6 tables which can seat up to 6 players at any one time, so potentially we could run 5 or so games in each slot, but this will depend upon the number of players and referees available. The slots are planned as follows:

Friday

8pm – 11pm: A short ‘opening’ slot for those who are desperate to start playing as soon as they turn up. Latecomers are welcome to join in!

Saturday

9.30am – 1pm: The morning slot (given the rooms, breakfast and the gaming areas are all within just a few metres of each other, there’s no reason people shouldn’t start gaming at a reasonable time!)

1pm – 2pm: *Lunch!*

2pm – 6pm: The afternoon slot.

6pm – 7pm: *Dinner!*

7pm – 11pm: The evening slot.

Sunday

9.30am – 1pm: Late starts are for losers, so don’t over-indulge on Saturday night!

1pm-2pm: *Lunch!*

2pm+: Last slot; something short for those who need to head off early, or up to 6pm for those who want to stick around.

Note to Referees:

Games can continue into the lunch/dinner slots if desired, provided everyone’s happy with doing this, and everyone finds a way of feeding themselves. Over-running further and compromising the next slot due to poor refereeing/planning/laziness will not be appreciated (by anyone) and we reserve the right to ask a referee to halt their game to avoid this inconvenience to all concerned.

Games

Games will be listed on the BITS website in the lead-up to the con. Rest assured we are looking for volunteers to run lots and lots of Traveller!

Competitions

We’ll be running competition games of both *Power Projection* starship battles, and *At Close Quarters* miniatures skirmishes during the con. Of course, you don’t have to treat these as a competition – you can simply try out the rules and have fun!

Awards

Attendees get to vote to decide which of them gets the PFI gaming award (PFI represents “Ping! F*** It!” – the catchphrase of every gun bunny who begins stripping down their M98 Laser-Guided Gauss Missile Launcher, only to have a small but critical component from the weapon go “ping” and disappear down the back of the sofa). The winner of the PFI award will gain notoriety, renown, and perhaps even a small prize.



Traders

BITS

We'll have all our usual BITS products, second-hand stock (Traveller, plus anything else in our repository at that point) and perhaps some material from our local game store to spice things up!

Other Traders

We may squeeze in another trader or two – more details nearer the time.

Bring and Buy

There will also be a Bring and Buy facility – you can bring along anything from your roleplaying collection that you want to sell to other members at TravCon08. There will be a small fee for each item you sell, which will be donated to charity.

How Can You Help?

We are actively seeking referees to run games at TravCon08. If you would like to run a game, please send an e-mail with the following details to TravCon08@bits.org.uk.

- The name of the adventure
- The Traveller system that it uses*
- Max number of players
- Your preferred slot date/time
- The game length (maximum of two slots)
- A description of the game (c. 500 words) so prospective players can decide if they want to play it.

**Standard rules systems only please. This is not an opportunity for you to try out that "conversion of Heroquest for space gaming" you've been working on.*

Registration

To get your TravCon08 tickets, please:

1. Fill in the Booking Request Form (below) and e-mail* it to us at TravCon08@bits.org.uk.
2. When we receive your Form we will check that we have all necessary details and a suitable room for you. We will then contact you back by e-mail* to either (a) ask you for payment, (b) clarify your details or (c) regretfully tell you we can't accept your booking (if we are already booked out).
3. Assuming (a) above, we will e-mail* you details of how to pay – preferably by Paypal (if you have a Paypal account, or want to use a credit card), though we can also process cheques*. You must pay by the date requested by us (in the e-mail), otherwise we will regard your booking request as having been rescinded.
4. Only once your payment has been received and cleared by BITS UK Limited will your booking be confirmed by e-mail*.

** If you don't have e-mail, then you can send a printed copy of the Booking Request Form to "BITS TravCon08, PO Box 4222, Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire, CM21 0DP". Do not send payment with your booking form unless you have already contacted us and we have asked you to do so. We will then respond to you by phone or post.*

Attendee Prices

- "Lead Character" (Friday night to Sunday afternoon, ensuite room, B&B, with entry to all games) – £99.
- "Secondary Character" (as "Lead Character", but sharing a room with a "Lead Character") – £39.
- "Non-Player Character" (non-gamer, age 18+, sharing room with a "Lead Character") – £10.
- "Non-Player Youngster" (non-gamer, aged under 18, sharing a room with a "Lead Character") – Free.
- "Saturday Stand-In" (gamer, day ticket, for Saturday only) – £15*.
- "Sunday Stand-In" (gamer, day ticket, for Sunday only) – £10*.

*Please note that booking priority will be given to Lead and then Secondary Characters; Stand-In tickets will only be issued if there are spaces left after all higher priority attendees are booked.

ALL attendees must book in advance through BITS UK Limited. We cannot guarantee availability of any spaces on the day. Please do NOT turn up without booking in advance as we would hate to have to turn you away on the day. Please note that the hotel can NOT accept booking directly for this event.

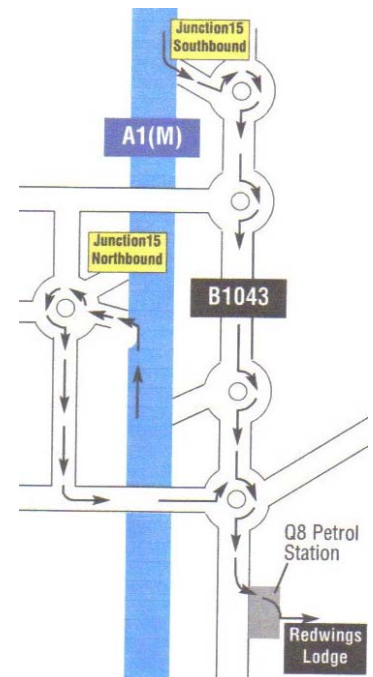
All prices include VAT at 17.5%.

Travel

Redwings Lodge is about 12 miles south of Peterborough and 6 miles north of Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire on the Old Great North road (B1043), which runs parallel to the A1(M).

It is best reached by car: exit the A1(M) at junction 15; follow signs for "Monks Wood" and "Alconbury". The hotel is on the B1043 Great North Road behind the Q8 service station. (Postcode is PE28 5XP for your sat nav system).

There is parking in front and beside the hotel, including disabled parking spaces directly outside.





Booking Request Form

Nothing too formal, but we will need the following from you:

1. For each attendee (please fill in a separate form for each attendee):

Full Name:

Home Address [1]:

E-mail Address [1]:

Phone Number [1]:

Age (if under 21) [2]:

Are you a BITS Member [3]: Yes/No

Are you Gaming [4]: Yes/No

Are you Sharing a Room [5]: Yes/No

(if Yes, specify the name of the person you are sharing with – they must be listed as an attendee on your form).

Are you the parent or guardian for another attendee [6]: Yes/No

(if Yes, specify the name of the person you are responsible for – they must be listed as an attendee on your form).

2. Preferred Room Type[7]: Double / Twin / Family

3. Date/Time you expect to arrive:

4. Date/Time you expect to leave:

Please read the notes below carefully. Please also note that submitting this Booking Request Form to BITS UK Limited (in any format) signifies your acceptance of the Terms and Conditions below.

Notes:

- [1] We need good contact details for each of you (including e-mail and phone number) in case we need to contact an individual regarding your attendance, any last minute changes to the convention details, or any problems with your booking.
- [2] Any attendee under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. This is an adult gaming environment and BITS UK Limited accept no responsibility whatsoever for under-age attendees. It is the sole responsibility of the parent/guardian to ensure the safety of such under-age attendees and to determine the suitability of the environment for them (including suitability of the content of any games they play or view) as well as observing any relevant legal restrictions (such as access to the bar area).
- [3] If the event is over-subscribed, BITS members get priority on bookings. However, once your booking is confirmed (BITS member or not) that's final.
- [4] At least one attendee per room must be gaming (i.e. paying the full attendee price). Due to space limitations, we are sorry that non-gamers are unlikely to be allowed into the gaming areas except for very short periods, nor are they permitted to join in games (in any manner).
- [5] Please make it clear with whom you wish to share.
- [6] All attendees under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian (see point [2]).
- [7] Room allocation is at the discretion of BITS UK Limited. Family rooms will only be allocated to attendees with younger children, unless we run out of other rooms for non-family attendees.

Terms and Conditions:

Sorry, but the Thought Police mean that we have to include the following legal stuff:

- All attendees at TravCon08 signify their implicit agreement to abide by the following terms and conditions by submitting a Booking Request Form (in whatever format) to BITS UK Limited.
- The organisers of TravCon08 (BITS UK Limited) reserve the right to change the event details (including, but not limited to its content, location, date and timing) without prior notice.
- Attendees agree to follow any and all instructions issued by the organisers and their designated representatives, including but not limited to cancelling or halting an event which is already in progress.
- At its sole discretion, the organiser may require any attendee to leave the event for a given period or for the remainder of the event.
- Attendee prices are not returnable or refundable under any circumstances.
- Confirmed attendee status may be transferred between individuals no later than ten working days prior to the event and only with the explicit permission of BITS UK Limited.
- BITS UK Limited accepts no liability for loss or damage of any attendee's property, direct or indirect, whilst attending TravCon08.
- Attendees below the age of 18 must be accompanied at all times by a parent or guardian.