

CAMPING IN GREENFIELD SITES



Points to remember:

- **E-coli contamination from sheep faeces / water puddles**
 - Keep away from land that has been grazed on until about 4 weeks prior to camp
 - Check water supply history with landowner (see below)
 - Contamination can be spread by footwear
 - Remove sheep faeces from immediate living area at least
 - Heavy rain can cause cross contamination with water supply
 - Strict Personal Hygiene
 - Wash with anti-bacterial soap after toilet visits, before cooking and eating
- **Water - Check its quality history with landowner.**
 - If in doubt boil all water
 - Use water filtering equipment / tablets if water brackish
 - Place water point where spillage will easily drain away
- **Toilets - if none available. Provide anti-bacterial washing facilities nearby.**
 - Elsen type toilets - use in toilet tents
 - Empty regularly in suitable foul system or in deep pit. Sufficient soil to cover after use.
 - Watch prevailing wind when siting
 - Urinal pits & Squat pits in canvas surround - no roof required
 - Dig at least 1/2 metre deep and leave soil nearby
 - Stones in urinal pits to help draining - soil to cover faeces after every use
 - Watch prevailing wind when siting - downwind but not too far
 - Mark pit site as unusable for future campers. Mark with large **X** on floor.
- **Washing Area**
 - Site between toilets and tents
- **Cooking fires / Campfires**
 - Position a good distance from tented area, and check prevailing winds.
 - Guide to wind direction; look at which way trees lean or leaves collect by hedges.
 - The prevailing wind in UK is mainly south-west & north-east
 - Dining shelter close to kitchen so food will not get cold, but away from fire and smoke
 - Rope off chopping area close to wood pile
 - Wood pile not too close to fires
- **1st Aid Tents - A must, especially for a long camp.**
 - Pitch 1st Aid tent centrally in the campsite and accessible to all + 1st Aid Kit
- **Site Boundary & Fire Marshalling area**
 - Ensure everyone is made aware of site boundaries which first check with landowner
 - Inform campers of fire marshalling area - provide fire buckets strategically
 - Fire buckets by cooking fires, by campfire, and central to tentage



➤ **Campsite**

- Pitch tents with doors away from prevailing wind
- Avoid pitching close to or under trees. Trees attract lightning, leaves drip after rain stops
- Pitch on raised ground if dips are apparent in field. Dips retain water
- Allow ample space between tents
- If mixed camp, pitch male and female tents either side of Leader tents

➤ **Emergencies**

- Make note, and advise others, of the nearest telephone, the nearest doctor, and the local hospital.
- Ensure at least one car is parked near enough to site for emergencies
- Plan ahead for emergencies - who takes over if Camp Leader is off site or injured
- Keep list of campers with contact details always available

