



## Be Sustainable - Our Camping Practices

When spending time in sites hosted by or in partnership with CampWild as well as the surrounding outdoor spaces, members are required to adopt an approach that puts the safeguarding of 'Wild Spaces' first.

- Abide to the Leave No Trace principles
- Use footpaths where possible. To avoid further erosion, travel in single file in the middle of the track even when wet or muddy.
- Where available camp in designated areas only.
- Where campsites and pathways are not available, travel and camp on durable ground.
- Where possible disperse camp pitches to prevent the creation of new tracks and campsites.
- Remove all waste, including foul/human waste from location, unless explicitly told otherwise by the host.
- Take care not to move, disturb, damage or deface any stones, walls, structures or other features in a CampWild site or surrounding local areas;
  - Do not remove anything
  - Do not light fires if permission is not granted
  - Do not interfere with or enter any archaeological excavations.
  - Do not enter any areas that are not affiliated with CampWild.
  - Do not interfere with or enter any private areas.
- Keep campsites small and discreet.
- "If You Bring It In, Take It Out" – take home all litter and leftover food (including tea bags, fruit peels and other biodegradable foods).
- If the site permits the disposal of solid human waste, dig a hole 15-20cms deep and at least 30m from water, campsites and tracks. Cover and disguise the hole when finished.
- Bring home toilet paper and hygiene products.
- Wash yourself or your dishes 30m away from streams or lakes and if necessary use small amounts of biodegradable soap. Bring home any solids and scatter strained dishwater.





## Be Safe - Our Safe Camping Guidance

As a CampWild member, you should ensure you have the skills and equipment needed for your activity and to cope with emergencies that could arise. CampWild members must adhere to safety guidelines and rules set by hosts or site managers.

### Plan ahead

When planning your camping trip with outdoor activities, start somewhere familiar and be realistic based on your experience. If you don't know where to start or are unfamiliar with the area, use local knowledge available in the community, such as guides, outdoor centres, trusts and local authorities. Plan your time, be generous for stops for activities and ensure you have planned and orientated your route with an up-to-date map.

### Pack the right kit

Pack equipment that is suitable for the weather, terrain and activities that you are planning. When outside a first aid kit, appropriate clothing and footwear as well as adequate food and drink are essential. Remember everything you pack needs to come back out of the area you are using.

### Communication

When planning your trip you should always factor in how you will communicate to let someone know you are okay, particularly when participating in adventurous activities or camping in remote locations. Ensure you have a backup means of communication and are aware of local phone service in the area. When planning a remote activity inform more than 1 reliable friend or family member of the 4 W's prior to departing:

- **Who?** Who is going on the trip
- **What?** What Activity are you doing?
- **Where?** Where are you going?
- **When?** When do you plan to leave? When do you plan to get back?

### Weather

Weather can be highly changeable in the UK and ensuring you are aware of the incoming conditions can make or break the success of your trip. Keep an eye on the forecast, be flexible with your activities to suit and pack the right kit to accommodate the weather.





## Be Responsible - Access to Land Principles

CampWild members are required to demonstrate responsibility and respect to land, hosts and other visitors. Always stick to the Countryside Code and Seaside Code so that you can enjoy, respect and protect the countryside.

- Do not interfere unreasonably with the rights of other people; act lawfully and reasonably, and take proper account of the interests of others and of the features of property and land.
- Before you go, check, where possible, if access is allowed and your activity is permitted in the area you wish to visit. Adhere to local guidance when it comes to permissive access and crossing land.
- Respect any signs, regulations for the area you are visiting.
- Where possible travel by public transport or share cars; consider the availability of parking. Avoid blocking gateways, forest entrances or narrow roads.
- Take responsibility for your own actions. If you are exercising access rights, remember that the outdoors cannot be made risk-free and act with care at all times for your own safety and that of others in your party.
- Do not create fire unless the site has given permission to do so.
- Fires can cause lasting impacts and be devastating to forests, natural habitats and farmland. Therefore when camping use a lightweight stove for cooking.
- Where fires are permitted, use established fire rings, barbecues or create a mound fire.
- Keep fires small. Only use sticks from the ground that can be broken by hand. Do not use growing vegetation for use as firewood.
- Avoid burning plastics or other substances: which emit toxic fumes.
- Burn all fires to ash, put out fires completely, and then scatter cool ashes.
- Members of CampWild Ltd shall comply with all relevant laws and regulations, including:
  - Obtaining necessary permits or permissions before camping in certain areas.
  - Following fire regulations and fire bans.
  - Obtaining necessary permits or permissions to undertake any outdoor activities





## Be Considerate - Our Community Pledge

CampWild members are required to maintain a courteous ethic towards other visitors, local communities and surrounding areas. Members are required to;

- Respect the interests of other people. Acting with courtesy, consideration and awareness is very important. If you are exercising access rights, make sure that you respect the privacy, safety and livelihoods of those living or working outdoors, and the needs of other people enjoying the area you are using.
- Keeping noise levels low and respecting quiet hours.
- Respect people's privacy and peace of mind. You can do this by:
  - Using a path or track, if there is one, when you are close to a house or garden.
  - If there is no path or track, by keeping a sensible distance from houses and avoiding ground that overlooks them from close by.
  - Taking care not to act in ways which might annoy or alarm people living in a house; and at night, taking extra care by keeping away from buildings where people might not be expecting to see anyone and by following paths and tracks.
- Keep your dog under proper control. You can do this by:
  - Never letting it worry or attack livestock.
  - Never taking it into a field where there are calves or lambs.
  - Keeping it on a short lead or under close control in fields where there are farm animals.
  - If cattle react aggressively and move towards you, by keeping calm, letting the dog go and taking the shortest, safest route out of the field.
  - Keeping it on a short lead or under close control during the bird breeding season (usually April to July) in areas such as moorland, forests, grassland, loch shores and the seashore.
  - Picking up and removing any faeces if your dog defecates in a public open place.





## Be Caring - Our Conservation Principles

CampWild members must contribute to long term conservation by acting conscientiously when using CampWild sites and the surrounding areas. This can be achieved through the following:

- Leave what you find.
- Do not disrupt habitats (stones, rocks, trees).
- Respect boundaries.
- Let nature's sounds prevail. Keep noise to a minimum.
- Observe wild animals and birds from a distance. Do not approach and avoid disturbing them, particularly at sensitive times: mating, nesting and raising young (mostly between spring and early summer).
- Keep wildlife wild, don't feed wild animals or birds – our foods damage their health and leave them vulnerable to predators.
- Farm animals are not pets; remain at a safe distance.
- Preserve the past: examine – without damaging – archaeological structures, old walls and heritage artefacts e.g. holy wells, mine workings, monuments.
- Conserve the present: leave rocks, flowers, plants, animals and all natural habitats as you find them. Fallen trees are a valuable wildlife habitat; do not remove or use for firewood.
- Avoid introducing non-native plants and animals.

