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COMPLETE CAMP SETUP CHECKLIST



FROM ARRIVAL TO SLEEP – GET IT RIGHT, STAY SAFE



A well-planned camp makes your trip safer, more comfortable and more enjoyable.

Use this checklist to make sure you've covered everything before settling in for the night.

*Good camps
start with
planning!*

1 ARRIVE & ASSESS

- ☐ Check the campsite rules and permissions.
- ☐ Look for a safe, suitable location (using the campsite selection checklist).
- ☐ Check for hazards (flooding, falling trees, rocks, livestock, etc.).
- ☐ Consider weather and wind conditions.
- ☐ Identify water sources and facilities.
- ☐ Let your group know the plan.



2 PITCH YOUR TENT

- ☐ Choose firm, level and well-drained ground.
- ☐ Clear the area of stones, sticks and debris.
- ☐ Check for underground hazards (roots, burrows, holes).
- ☐ Follow the tent instructions and secure with pegs and guy lines.
- ☐ Keep tents away from trees, cliffs and watercourses.



3 SET UP YOUR CAMP

- ☐ Create a cooking area (well away from tents).
- ☐ Set up a safe place for food storage (away from wildlife and pests).
- ☐ Organise your kit and keep walkways clear.
- ☐ Set up a rubbish area (or take your rubbish home).
- ☐ Check where you'll get drinking water and how you'll treat it.



4 FIRE & COOKING

- ☐ Check if fires are permitted.
- ☐ Choose a safe fire site (clear of flammables).
- ☐ Have water, sand or a fire extinguisher ready.
- ☐ Follow fire safety rules and local guidance.
- ☐ Set up cooking equipment safely (stable and away from tents).
- ☐ Never leave a fire unattended.



5 CHECK THE WEATHER

- ☐ Look at the latest forecast.
- ☐ Prepare for changes in conditions (wind, rain, cold, heat).
- ☐ Pack appropriate clothing and waterproofs.
- ☐ Secure tents and equipment if windy.
- ☐ Be ready to adjust your plans if needed.



6 SAFETY & EMERGENCY PLAN

- ☐ Know your group's emergency plan.
- ☐ Make sure everyone knows the meeting point.
- ☐ Check mobile signal (if available).
- ☐ Keep a charged phone and power bank.
- ☐ Have a first aid kit accessible.
- ☐ Know the location of the nearest road or access point.



7 LEAVE NO TRACE

- ☐ Take all rubbish home (or use proper bins).
- ☐ Avoid damaging vegetation.
- ☐ Keep noise and light to a minimum.
- ☐ Respect wildlife and livestock.
- ☐ Use established paths and facilities where available.
- ☐ Leave the site as you found it (or better).



8 FINAL CHECK

- ☐ Tents are secure and properly pegged.
- ☐ Cooking area is safe and tidy.
- ☐ Fire is out (or fully controlled).
- ☐ Food and rubbish are stored correctly.
- ☐ Water supply is sorted.
- ☐ Everyone is happy, safe and settled for the night.



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BUILDS CONFIDENCE,
SAFETY AND
GREAT ADVENTURES.**

**CHECK • SET UP • CAMP
EXPLORE • RESPECT**



BE PREPARED. BE CAREFUL. BE RESPONSIBLE.

