



Fire Safety - Please Read

Before using any fire starting items, please make sure you are prepared to prevent and handle an out of control fire by reading our information below. If a fire gets out of hand, call 999 immediately.

Our Fire Safety Arrangements

- The fire meeting point is at our main gates by the road, the what3words for the site entrance location is "[riverboat.stun.couch](#)". You can give emergency services these words to assist in locating the campsite faster.
- There are three areas on site to find fire extinguishers - near the bin area, in The Boat Shed facilities hallway and opposite the main track from Pitch 9 on the bend. Each Wild Camping Pitch is provided with a red fire bucket filled with sand for extinguishing unwanted fires.
- Always have a bucket of water available when having a fire and water the area underneath your fire pit before starting a fire. However, do not extinguish fires in the cast iron fire pits with water unless they are out of control.

Camping and fire safety

- Set up tents/campervans/caravans/motorhomes at least six metres apart from other pitches and away from parked cars. If you are setting up 2 units on 1 pitch as a family/group you can have the units three metres apart.
- Make sure you know what the fire safety arrangements are on the campsite and where the nearest telephone is - either a personal mobile or the site's main line in the Boat Shed/Reception building. Have a bucket of water on hand before using a fire.
- Don't use oil-burning appliances such as lanterns or candles in or near a tent - use a torch instead
- Never smoke inside a tent
- Place your cooking area well away from tents
- Keep your cooking area clear of items that catch fire easily ('flammable items') including long, dry grass
- Put cooking appliances in a place where they can't easily be knocked over.
- Keep matches, lighters, flammable liquids and gas cylinders out of reach of children

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- Have an escape plan and be prepared to cut your way out of your tent if there is a fire

Be carbon monoxide (CO) aware when camping

Never take a lit or smouldering barbecue into a tent or caravan. The charcoal from a barbecue emits poisonous carbon monoxide, which is odourless and colourless, for a long time after you have finished cooking.

Ideally keep barbecues down-wind and well clear of tents to ensure that the fumes do not build up in nearby tents. Make sure fires are not near tent/campervan/caravan/motorhome openings.

Caravans, boats and mobile homes are also at risk because portable appliances that use bottled fuels such as liquid petroleum gas, paraffin or kerosene are often used for heating and cooking. Barbecues, gas and charcoal all emit poisonous CO. Never use them indoors or within tents during camping.

Remember vehicle engine or generator exhaust gases can also contain high levels of CO.

What should I do if I have a fire while camping?

Remember these simple tips:

- Get everyone out straight away - fires in tents can spread very quickly
- Use the sand filled fire buckets on site to smother or at least slow the spreading of the fire
- Call the Fire and Rescue Service and give a map reference if possible - provide a landmark like a farm or pub to help them find you. Don't forget our what3words for the site entrance location is "[riverboat.stun.couch](#)" but check your what3words app for a more specific location.

Reduce the risk of wildfires

Dry ground in the summer means there is the added risk of a fire starting, but you should take care at all times of the year. Follow these steps to reduce the chance of a wildfire in the countryside:

- Avoid using open fires in the countryside
- Don't leave bottles or glass in woodland - sunlight shining through glass can start fires
- Only use barbecues in a suitable and safe area and never leave them unattended
- If you see a fire in the countryside, call the Fire and Rescue Services immediately
- Don't attempt to tackle a fire that can't be put out with a bucket of water - leave the area as quickly as possible