



HAPPY PRIVATE CAMPING



Make it hard for others to see or hear you and LEAVE NO TRACE of your visit

The Private Camping Company is committed to the "Leave No Trace" principles of the Center for Outdoor Ethics - an international organisation that promotes responsible enjoyment of the outdoors and advocates minimum impact camping techniques.

Please make sure the information below is passed on to the rest of your group ... your deposit will not be refunded if the rules and restrictions explained on your arrival - and the general points mentioned below are not followed correctly.

Deadly Litter!

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After your stay sheep or cattle will move back onto the field as soon as you have gone – this means there must be no litter left in the field at all - no matter how small or "biodegradable". Livestock will eat it ... or step on it ... causing serious injury or disease. If the field requires extra cleaning and checking – the farmer will need to be compensated.

Grass Is Worth Money!

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The grass in the field is very important to the farmer ... essentially it is worth money as feed for the livestock. We accept that unavoidable damage will occur during your stay from simply walking, pitching tents etc. This will grow back ... but our agreement with the farmer is to ensure that all traces of your visit i.e. any muddy patches, paths or tent pitches have grown back completely within 2 weeks.

Light Damage To Grass – E.g. Grass flattened from walking or pitching a tent or playing a game of football - Can recover in less than a week.

Removal Of Grass – E.g. Creation of bare or muddy patches where grass has been completely crushed or removed from heavy use especially in wet conditions – Can grow back in 2 weeks – in the right weather conditions.

Damage To Grassroots – E.g. Damage to the earth from driving on the field or minor burn damage from fires & BBQ's that will kill the grass and damage the roots - This can take many weeks to grow back.

Damage To The Soil – E.g. Serious fire damage or oil/fuel spills will poison or sterilize the soil taking many months or even years for grass (or anything!) to grow back.

Leave Everything As You Find It

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This includes any plants or wildlife, farm equipment, structures, gates, fences and stone walls.

Do not be tempted to collect firewood from any hedges or woods nearby ... even by just collecting dead wood it is easy to get accused of trespassing and damage to property. Part of our agreements with the landowner is that we will provide firewood in order to prevent the temptation to forage for wood on the land or worse ... on a neighbouring farmers land!

Know Your Limits!

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It is extremely important that you stay within the boundaries of your camping field. Only the camping field and the access to that field have been made available to you – all other areas of the farm, especially farm buildings, are strictly out of bounds and potentially dangerous.

It is important to understand that the land surrounding your private camp field may belong to other farmers/landowners who will consider you as unwelcome trespassers!

Respect The House Rules

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Each field may have additional rules or restrictions set by the farmer – for example – "No vehicles on the field" or "No camping beyond this point". You must make sure everyone is aware of any additional restrictions and respect the wishes of the landowner at all times.

Do Not Disturb

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This is a very quiet and tranquil part of the country, the local community is very friendly and welcoming but are not accustomed to loud noise and large groups so please be considerate and friendly, make it hard for other people to see or hear you, and avoid excessive late night noise.

Stay Safe

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Please remember you will be staying in a remote location, a long way from help should you need it and sometimes without any mobile phone signal. You must take responsibility for your own safety and the safety of any children in your group.

There are many hazards and risks on a working farm – particularly around the farm buildings and also potentially from livestock in neighbouring fields. Avoid all contact with farm livestock and wash your hands regularly, particularly when handling and preparing food, there is a small chance that harmful diseases could be transmitted.

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Be prepared! ... You will need to bring your own - Tents, sleeping mats, sleeping bags, any other camping equipment you feel you might need i.e. Warm / Waterproof clothes, camping chairs, gas cookers (cooking on the fire is not always dependable), cooking equipment, food, plates/bowls, torches, matches etc. (Basically - what you would normally take to a campsite)

And Finally

THE SMALL PRINT

Our business relies on maintaining a good relationship with the Farmer/Landowner and the local community - we expect all members of your group to act safely and respectfully, if we receive any complaints from the Landowner, or neighbouring Landowners, and we are unable to resolve the issue, your group may be asked to leave the property immediately and without refund.

Ultimately you must be responsible for your own safety ... and the safety of any children in your group - there are inherent risks involved with camping - please be aware of those risks and take particular care when using the Fire Pit and the Wood Burning stove.

You are camping on private land, permission is granted at the discretion of the landowner and on condition that you agree to the rules and restrictions outlined above, and explained on your arrival.

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