

Camping Basics

Practical skills

Choosing a pitch, and the principles that leave no trace.

Educational reference. Wild camping legality varies enormously by country.

Choosing a pitch

Flat, and not in a hollow

Not under dead branches

Not on an obvious water channel

Some shelter from wind

Away from paths and water sources

Leave no trace

Arrive late, leave early

Take everything out, including food scraps

Toilet 50 m from water, buried

No fires unless permitted

Leave the pitch as found

Comfort

Insulated mat matters more than the sleeping bag

Dry clothes for sleeping only

Vent the tent to reduce condensation

Ground conducts heat away far faster than air. The sleeping mat's insulation rating matters more than the bag's temperature rating.