

# THE JOYS OF CAMPING!



## What to expect from camping?

I bet when you first think of camping – you imagine yourself in and amongst the trees and wilderness, just you and your camper nothing but nature in between you! It sounds cosy doesn't it, we've definitely got you covered if that's your scene. However if you are choosing a camp site you may be glad of us to tell you ... that most campsites are far more structured than that now. You will have facilities close by to wash up & freshen up! Some campsites depending on the type will have activities, clubs for younger ones and sometimes pools.

When you arrive at your campsite you'll probably notice the layout – you will have most likely picked your pitch before you booked (at the stage of picking your pitch you will usually choose whether you need an electric hook up or not, these will be different costs). Your pitch will allow you the space to park up and arrange your outside furniture (depending on size). It is also likely you will have some camping neighbours close by too.

## What pitch would be best for me to choose?

When choosing your pitch keep in mind what you need as an individual/family to make the best out of your holiday. A fully serviced pitch means that in most cases you will have an electric hook up point. In some campsites you have the option of hard standing (gravel) and grass pitches – the hard-standing ones more often than not are always fully serviced pitches. Grass pitches are also available fully serviced, however you may want to keep in mind (especially in England) the weather, regarding getting your van off and on these pitches as it may sometimes be difficult if it's muddy/flooded. You might want to bring along some flip flops or footwear to keep outside the camper instead of trailing it in, take some shoes just for indoor the camper to avoid it getting muddy.

The other option is just your pitch! If you fancy doing the full experience with no electric hook up point then this is also available, again it all depends on the experience you want to make it!

## How the electrics work on site?

Having electric hook up points on sites means you can still have gadgets by your side on this trip. The 3 pin sockets inside the campervan allow you to plug in your normal 240v appliances. Don't forget our campervans do have a leisure battery that can power the normal USB points in the campervan.

## Arrival

Please bear in mind campsites can differ however the general arrival procedure is usually the same set. There is usually a reception/shop possibly at the entrance and some may have a barrier. Park up and go introduce yourself – here they may give you a map of the campsite and explain where things are! They may also give you a key card if there is a barrier upon arrival. They can there allocate your pitch and show you to it alongside showing you where the hook ups are and all the facilities i.e water points etc.

## What to expect from camping facilities?

You might be thinking what on earth can camping facilities be like?! In fact, most campsite facilities are clean and modern with a cleaner regularly attending them. You may have portable toilet with you, but you also may prefer to use the sites toilets. Your shower and toilet cubicles in most campsites are kept separately. We advise you take a large wash bag with you for your trip, this way you can fit everything you need to carry over with you and your towel & flipflops (definitely a must whilst on a camp site). Facilities can vary on each campsite so make sure that you look up your campsite properly prior to setting off! Some may have hairdryers etc and some may not – again do not worry if you have a travel hairdryer 12V you can use your leisure battery for this!

## What to cook and take with us?

I mean if you're not eating out every night, we'll take it that you're going to be enjoying the fresh air and the real feel for camping which means al fresco! Remember when you're camping you are going to be carrying your washing up to the facilities, so we'd say minimalistic is better! Without the obvious one which is a good old BBQ of course... it can be gas or disposable! Great things to cook for camping are pasta dishes super easy and filling and it also doesn't take long, rice dishes as well are super easy to mix with any of your favourite veg or meat! Don't forget that unlike the fridge you may be used to at home it's going to be significantly smaller so we suggest you don't stock up too much for your journeys – instead grab things as you go and reduce your waste, the last thing you want is food that doesn't fit in the fridge and is money down the drain! Finally – I'd recommend some marshmallows, chocolate and strawberries to get that real camping feel!

## Enjoy

Last but not least the main tip is to enjoy yourself, camping is such a different experience, it is what you make of it come rain or shine and in our Jaibow campers we are sure you'll have an amazing time! So grab your case and pack your walking shoes, it's time for your next adventure.

