

Camp Out Guide

A VERY SIMPLE GUIDE TO HELP YOU SET UP THE BEST CAMP EVER

1) DECIDE ON THE CAMP OUT LOCATION

Where

- A WOODED AREA / PARK
- AWAY FROM WALKING PATHS (AT LEAST 100M)
- NO MORE THAN 30 MINUTES WALKING FROM A TRAIN STATION

How to find a Good Spot?

- THINK OF ANY PLACES YOU ALREADY KNOW, ANY PARKS WHERE YOU WALK YOUR DOG THAT GOT YOUR ATTENTION, ANY SATURDAY HIKES THAT GOT YOU INSPIRED.
- ASK OTHER TRIBE LEADERS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS, CHANCES ARE THEY'LL KNOW OF AN AMAZING SPOT THEY'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TRY.
- GOOGLE MAPS!

How to Google Map a New Spot?

- DECIDE ON A ROUGH LOCATION.
- LOOK FOR WOODED TREE AREAS ON THE MAP. WE ARE TALKING BIG WOODED AREAS: NOT THE DOG-WALKING GREENS TYPE, BUT THE 'BROCCOLI LOOKING' FOREST PATCHES.
- ONCE SAID WOODS HAVE BEEN FOUND, CHECK THAT THERE IS A TRAIN STATION WITH DECENT CONNECTIONS NO FURTHER THAN 30 MINUTES WALKING AWAY.
- CHECK YOUR WALKING PATHS, AND LOOK FOR CAMPING POTENTIAL AT LEAST 100M AWAY FROM ANY PATH.
- IF UNSURE ABOUT A NEW SPOT, TRY IT OUT ON YOURSELF OR GET SOME MATES FOR A MINI CAMP OUT PRIOR TO THE EVENT - IF YOU DON'T HAVE TIME FOR A RECCY DON'T WORRY, SPONTANEITY IS FUN (AND FUNNY!)

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2) SET UP YOUR FACEBOOK EVENT

- GET THE DESCRIPTION OFF THE CAMP OUT SET TEMPLATE AND UPDATE IT TO SUIT YOUR EVENT. THE MORE DESCRIPTIVE, THE BETTER!
- THAT BEING SAID, **DO NOT GIVE THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE CAMP!** YOU WANT TO AVOID ANY FLASH MOBS OR AUTHORITIES KNOCKING AT YOUR BIVVY DOOR. TELL PEOPLE WHICH IS THE NEAREST TRAIN STATION AND LET THEM KNOW WHICH WAY TO GO FROM THERE.
- SHARE THE EVENT ON OTHER YES TRIBE PAGES, YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN SOMEONE FROM BRISTOL MIGHT FEEL LIKE BRIGHTON FOR A NIGHT.
- ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO INTERACT ON THE EVENT PAGE, A PAGE WITHOUT ANY INTERACTION, COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS WITHOUT ANSWERS MIGHT PUT SOME TRIBE MEMBERS OFF.
- ON THE DAY, UPDATE ON THE WALL SO EVERYONE SEES CHANGES OR ADVICE AND CAN COORDINATE MEETING UP ALL TOGETHER.

3) WHAT TO BEAR IN MIND ON THE CAMPOUT?

- TENTS ARE MUCH MORE NOTICEABLE / INTRUSIVE THAN BIVVY BAGS! STICK TO BIVVIES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE WHEN WILD CAMPING.
- SET UP A COMMUNAL AREA TO SPEND GOOD BONDING TIME BEFORE GOING TO BED, BEST TO FIND SOMEWHERE FLAT AND OPEN.. IT ALWAYS HELPS THE STORYTELLING HAVING THE GROUP IN A CIRCLE AROUND A SYMBOLIC PILE OF ROCKS, OR A LESS SYMBOLIC PILE OF FOOD. FIRES ARE RISKY SO ONLY BUILD ONE IF SOMEONE IS CONFIDENT LOOKING AFTER IT AND KEEPING THE FLAMES UNDER CONTROL.
- SET UP CAMP JUST BEFORE NIGHTFALL, AND MAKE SURE YOU CLEAN UP THE AREA AROUND THE CAMP BEFORE BED, CHECK FOR WILDLIFE (AND POOS) GOOD TREES FOR HAMMOCKS.
- YOU WANT TO BLEND IN WITH THE NATURE!

4) YOUR HAPPY CAMPERS

THE IDEAL NUMBER IS 15-25 PEOPLE, BUT THE NUMBER DOES NOT MATTER TOO MUCH AS ANYONE CAN CAMP. A COUPLE OF THINGS TO THINK ABOUT: RE ALL HERE AS FRIENDS.

RECOMMEND TAKING A FIRST AID KIT AND KNOWING HOW TO USE IT, JUST IN CASE THINGS GO WRONG!

- DON'T BE AFRAID OF SMALL EVENTS! THEY CAN BE A MUCH SMOOTHER WAY FOR NEW PEOPLE TO EASE INTO THE TRIBE, AND THEY GIVE YOUR GROUP MEMBERS THE CHANCE TO KNOW EVERYONE ELSE BETTER.
- YOUR EVENT TRIBE IS GETTING BIGGER THAN EXPECTED? GREAT! GET ANOTHER LEADER TO COME JOIN & HELP YOU AND MAYBE THINK OF A NEW SPOT IF YOU NEED MORE ROOM!
- REMEMBER, SAFETY FIRST! HAVE A SHORT BRIEFING SESSION ONCE EVERYONE HAS ARRIVED, REMINDING PEOPLE YOU'RE THERE TO ENJOY THE OUTDOORS RESPONSIBLY.
- ENCOURAGE NO PLASTIC, OWN TOTE BAGS FOR PICKING UP FOOD AND DRINKS
- IF PLASTIC IS IN PHOTOS IT DOESN'T FIT WITH OUR ETHOS
- COMMUNAL BIN SO ALL RUBBISH IS DEFINITELY CLEARED
- BBQ GRILL - RATHER THAN DISPOSABLE BRING ONE FROM THE OVEN
- LIABILITY - NO FORMS OR OFFICIAL. BRIEFING AT THE BEGINNING MENTION WE'RE ALL HERE AS FRIENDS.

REMEMBER YOUR CAMPOUT COULD COMBINE WITH SOMETHING ELSE LIKE A PADDLE OR RAMBLE DURING THE DAY BEFOREHAND!

FINALLY - JUST BE HAPPY AND ENERGETIC, IF THINGS GO WRONG IT WILL BE A FUNNY STORY LATER, MAYBE EVEN FOR A YES STORIES!

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