



Thistledown Farm Campsite

The Rules

We do try to keep the number of rules to a minimum, and generally rely upon common sense and considerate behaviour towards others, in order to maintain an environmentally aware and peaceful, happy campsite. However, if you'd like to book then please ensure that you accept, and will adhere to, the following:

- The maximum group size is 5 tents / campervans and 12 adults – larger groups, even if booked, will be turned away (unless agreed otherwise in writing). Pitches are unallocated but single tent campers may be guided to select appropriate areas to allow larger groups to pitch together. Groups of young adults (under 25) must email prior to booking. Groups may use a standard sized gazebo only; we do not allow parties or events on site unless otherwise agreed in writing.
- A maximum of 2 day visitors are permitted per pitch for a small charge and up to 5 visitors in total per group (not per tent) unless agreed otherwise in writing; Day visitors must be registered on arrival and be offsite by 10pm.
- The lower pastures are car free: never drive beyond parking areas. Always drive extremely slowly on site and be aware of pedestrians and children at play. Lifts to transport your camping equipment in a 'mule' can be booked at Reception for a charge.
- **No cycling around the site:** you are welcome to arrive by bicycle or explore the local area off site using designated cycle tracks but cycling on site has now become a hazard!
- Leave a minimum of 3 metres between each tent in your group and your fire pit and at least 6 metres from other tents or groups
- Please see our [campfire](#) page if you would like a fire – only use existing fire pits and never leave a fire unattended
- **Do not collect wood from the woodland**, it is left to provide habitat – please check in the reception/shop for wood delivery times
- Strictly no smoking in any building, and never put cigarettes into the composting toilets – this is a serious fire risk
- Show children how to use the composting toilets – there are instructions inside the door. Men need to sit down to pee!

- All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and supervised whilst onsite
- **We do not allow any amplified music** – including on phones – but you may play acoustic instruments, just ensure that you are considerate and don't play late in the evening
- Do not use drones onsite – these can be a disturbance and invade the privacy of other campers
- **Keep dogs on leads at all times** and advise children to stay on the mown pathways on site; there are lots of birds, like skylarks, nesting there and young animals, like fauns, hidden in the long grass that should not be disturbed. There may also be ticks and other biting insects in the long grass.
- Only allow dogs to soil in long grass, and clean up after them, as lots of campers wander barefoot along the mown footpaths.
- Do not leave any litter; ensure that all cigarette butts are collected, and never put glass or bottle tops in the fire pits
- Use the clear bag provided for your recycling (glass, tins, plastic, paper) and drop your recycling or rubbish off next to the washing up areas or at the main bins near the entrance to the farm when you leave– do not leave rubbish bags in your camping areas as wildlife will ensure they find it... Keep foodstuffs in your tent or off the ground overnight – badgers are always looking for a quick snack!

Be Considerate! Please try to respect the environment and your fellow campers. If you're staying up late then keep the noise down so that others can sleep, and if you're up at dawn with young children then try not to disturb those who are still asleep.

We strongly recommend that during your stay, you...

- Do not pitch directly under trees.
- Pitch at least 3 metres away from a firepit and do not leave campfires unattended
- Take responsibility for children at all times
- Ensure no-one eats unknown plants and berries
- Are aware that Thistledown is a natural environment: ticks, wasps, stinging plants, uneven or slippery ground, and the three ponds onsite (marked on the map and arrival leaflet) are all potential natural hazards
- Keep up to date with current government guidelines and follow guidance to help avoid the spread of infectious diseases and viruses, such as Covid-19

STAY SAFE AND HAVE A GREAT TIME!

- **Thinking of Booking?** If you book for [camping](#) then you'll be asked to agree to the above Rules. Links to the Booking Terms and Conditions, together with the Refund and Cancellation information, can also be found on the booking site.