

Sustainability Code of Good Practice

Camping (wild)

As part of our commitment to advancing sustainable tourism, we encourage our tourism partners to improve their sustainability performance by providing them with the guidance below.

- ✦ Ensure applicable legal **permits & permission** to access the activity area are in place
- ✦ Ensure **insurance** is in place for participants and team
- ✦ Identify **health & safety** risks, implement management systems, and provide appropriate safety equipment
- ✦ Ensure enough team members are available in case of **emergency**
- ✦ Monitor activity area conditions (including weather) in advance & during the activity
- ✦ Be familiar with activity area and ensure that **navigation and communication** tools are in good working order
- ✦ Maximise local **economic benefits** through employment and purchasing
- ✦ Provide **information in advance** about your sustainability actions, activity accessibility, what to expect, and what to bring with
- ✦ **Screen participants** ahead of time to make sure that the activity is well suited to their fitness & level of ability
- ✦ Manage **group size** to minimise impacts on people & the planet, and ensure safe guide : participant ratio
- ✦ Obtain written confirmation, e.g., via **indemnity**, that participants are aware of activity risks
- ✦ **Brief participants** before the activity starts about do's and don'ts, safety, hazards to be aware of, what to expect, group pace and communication, logistical considerations, applicable conduct, not disturbing / removing flora and fauna, rubbish collection and disposal, 'bush toilet' etiquette, and rules regarding alcohol and fires
- ✦ **Share information** about local nature & culture, as well as social development / conservation projects that participants may want to support
- ✦ Avoid single use & disposable items, pack out what you take in, and pick up any **rubbish** found along the way
- ✦ Show **respect** for the land, waterways, wildlife, and other activity area users, including minimising noise disturbance
- ✦ Use previously **established sites**, where possible, and rotate use to minimise cumulative impacts
- ✦ Select sites where **ground surface is firm** and disturbance to vegetation does not occur, including designated cooking areas
- ✦ Do not dig **trenches** around tents or campsites
- ✦ Establish sites at least 30m away from **waterways**
- ✦ Avoid camping near sites of historical, archaeological, or cultural significance, as well as **sensitive natural sites** such as nesting areas or wildlife trails

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- **Store supplies** (especially food) safely out of reach of wildlife at night and when campsite is not occupied
- Use **eco-friendly products**, including biodegradable soaps and alternatives, e.g., sand for scouring pots
- Be **waterwise** and take pro-active measures to use water sparingly
- Wash dishes (and one's self) away from **waterways**
- Use a basin / similar to minimise waste when **washing dishes**, and disperse dish wastewater over a wide area to enable natural filtration
- Minimise **energy** used in the activity as part of a climate action strategy
- **Camping stoves**, as opposed to campfires, should be used for cooking
- **Campfires**, if permitted, should apply best practice in safety and least impact, including leave no trace
- Repair and compensate for any **damage** caused to the activity area
- Participate in conserving activity area **integrity**; notify authorities of concerns and participate in rehabilitation projects

