

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
- ✓ Demolish **snow walls** / shelters before vacating winter camping sites
- ✓ 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

