

**Important notice to all campers
arriving from 12/07/22**

FIRE PIT BAN

until further notice:

We have just been issued warnings by our local fire service and local authorities about the risk of open fires from this week on our campsite and have been advised to put a stop to them given the fact the heatwave is set to go above 30 degrees.

This week we have already lost 5 acres of a standing crop of Barley on our farm due to a cigarette butt being dropped on a footpath. In light of this we would be extremely foolish to allow fires of any sort across the campsite. The woodland floor and grass are extremely dry and even a small spark or ember from a ground fire could pose a potential risk. It has not been taken lightly but the decision to stop open fires anywhere on site or the burning of any logs has been made final. We are very sorry for this as we understand that part of the fun of camping is to sit by an open fire and many of our campers will be disappointed but the health and safety of all our guests, especially those with young children, is of paramount importance to us.

You are welcome to bring your own raised up gas or charcoal BBQs to cook on but we are not providing logs or firepits. It is **ONLY charcoal and gas BBQs with a minimum height of 35 inches off ground level that will be allowed.**

Logs "pop and spit" which create more sparks and this is an added risk that we are trying to eliminate. The gas BBQ/hobs can be controlled and charcoal creates little flame due to it not vaporising so these are safer options for you to cook on that will be acceptable in these conditions.

**NO FIRE PITS WILL BE ALLOWED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, ANYONE
CAUGHT LIGHTING A FIRE WILL BE REMOVED FROM SITE.**

We hope that all our campers respect our decision and understand our reasoning as the weather really is out of our hands and we do not want any dangerous fire hazards being created. *Please ensure any smokers have a water bottle/bowl or pocket ashtray on your pitch to extinguish cigarettes safely.*

We have purchased extra fire extinguishers and placed more around the site as an added precaution.

Once we have been advised it is safe enough to allow fires back on site, we will review and most likely lift the ban, but please assume until further notice that the Fire Pit and Log Ban will remain in place for the near future.

We look forward to meeting you all and hope you all have a wonderful time with us and exploring what our local area has to offer :)

Many thanks for your cooperation and understanding.
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