

Preparing a Campsite

Before setting up camp first, select a spot that:

1. Is fairly open and level with a carpet of grass and a gentle slope for rainwater runoff.
2. Is sheltered against the prevailing wind
3. Have adequate supplies of both wood and water easily available
4. Is safe from rockslides, flash floods, and falling branches
5. Has privacy
6. Has natural beauty and enjoyable surroundings

Always be sure to get permission to camp on private property

Upon arriving on the site it is easiest to assign crews to the tasks of: fire building, setting up tents, digging the latrine, gathering wood and water, and laying out food and cooking gear.

NOTES: All dry sticks and leave must be cleared 10 ft. from the fire ring, and tents must be well beyond that. The latrine is to be at least 100 ft. from camp, trails, or water source.
Tents should be set up on a gentle down slope to allow for drainage.