



CAMPING ON DARTMOOR

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Non-compliance with wild camping rules can cause problems on Dartmoor. Those training for Ten Tors must obey the law, National Park byelaws and Ten Tors Rules.

The main problems have been; camping too close to roads and habitation, setting up close to water courses and too many people in one spot.

Camp Sites.

There are many overnight camping sites on or near Dartmoor. The Dartmoor National Park Authority lists many in its booklet, available at http://www.dartmoor-npa.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0017/43910/vi-camping_booklet_309.pdf. The Dartmoor Partnership provides information on a wide range of overnight facilities from hotels through to bunkhouses at <http://www.dartmoor.co.uk/where-to-stay>.

In addition, the Ten Tors website lists other sites, particularly farms that offer camping facilities. These often have the additional attraction that the farmer may be willing to tell the walkers about the importance of grazing stock on Dartmoor.

Wild Camping.

Camping is permitted on most of Dartmoor's common land. This is shown in brown on the Dartmoor Training Area map. During Ten Tors training you may also camp in the yellow hatched areas within Willsworthy and Merrivale Training Areas but do check that there is no live firing planned. Countryside Right of Way (CROW) access land and brown areas outlined in dark brown may not be used for camping. An interactive map, showing the camping areas, is available on the

Dartmoor National Park Authority's website at <http://www.dartmoor-npa.gov.uk/visiting/vi-enjoyingdartmoor/camping/camping-map>.

You should avoid the locations below:

- where camping may cause disturbance to local people or damage to the environment.
- 'no camping commons' per the issued Dartmoor Military Map.
- moorland enclosed by walls or fences;
- farm or CROW land (unless you have permission of the landowner).
- on the roadside, or within 100 metres of a road or building; within sight of roads or habitation.
- Within 100m of streams.
- reservoir catchment areas
- very small commons surrounded by farmland.
- river flood plains.
- archaeological sites.

Camping outside of recognised campsites is only for individuals or small groups wild camping (12 walkers).

You must not camp or park overnight in car parks, lay-bys or on moorland verges.

Take extra care if you camp in any of the military firing ranges. Make sure that the range is free of live firing both overnight and the next day (as day firing may start early in the morning).