



BELL TENT INFORMATION PACK



KEY INFORMATION

Bell Tents and Pods

What is 'The Bell Tent Village'?

- Some people call it 'glamping', but we think our Bell Tents offer more than just a camping experience. Our comfortable, cosy, and warm tents are the perfect base for enjoying the outdoors as a group.
- We have 12 Bell Tents which measure 5m in diameter and can have 8 mattresses inside. There are also solar lights, a storage box for shoes and a porch for coat storage.
- There is a fully working undercover kitchen (even though your food is provided with your residential visit) and a small portacabin toilet area. You will also have access to inside toilet and shower areas.
- We have a single large marquee tent that has tables inside for your group to gather in

Who is 'The Bell Tent Village' for?

- We are passionate about promoting health, well-being and learning through the great outdoors. We have developed The Bell Tent Village so that, schools, clubs and families can enjoy spending a few days at our beautiful site without the hassle of having to worry about bringing lots of camping equipment.
- We also wanted to provide excellent facilities which are safe, clean, and exciting and can be used by all by groups of any age or ability.



Pods

What are our pods?

- Our bell tent area is now even bigger!
- We are now offering two pods at the top of the area for teachers as well as specific teacher tents.



Pods

Some photos for you:



Pods

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LOGISTICS AND INFORMATION

Our Facilities

Toilets and Showering

- We have a new portacabin toilet area behind the kitchen facility and there are fully heated male, female and disabled changing spaces, toilets, and showers indoors located 50 metres away
- The bell tent area is surrounded by a fence and tree line with a gate at the entrance

Wet Clothing

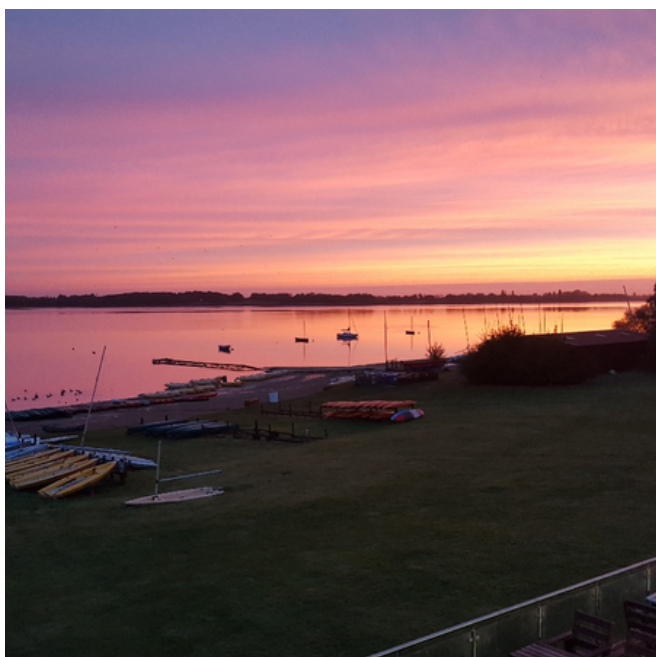
- Wet clothing can be left in the Sports Hall changing room to dry out, but please be aware this space can be accessed by all groups, so once dry please remove your items.

Kitchen and Fire Pits

- A covered kitchen area is provided as part of the tented village with running water and a gas stove. Hot drink making resources will be provided as part of the Bell Tent offer.
- Fire pits are available for use, for the roasting of marshmallows if desired. Please only use fire pits provided by GWC. GWC staff will provide a safety briefing prior to their use.

Access and On-Call

- Access to the Grafham Water Site (access gates) will be secured by the On-Call member of staff at 21:30 to prevent any unauthorised vehicles.
- An On-Call member of staff will be available throughout the night via the On-Call phone, the number for which will be provided to group leaders as part of their arrivals pack.
- A cleaning pack will also be provided in the Leaders tent should any participants become ill or require help in the night. The On-Call member of staff will also be available to support.



EXPECTATIONS AND RULES

For Everyone

Reporting

- The tented village is a brand new addition to Grafham Water Centre for Spring 2022
- If you do notice anything that does not seem quite right or appears broken with the tents and mattresses, please contact a member of GWC staff as soon as possible so that this can be resolved immediately.

Tent Etiquette

- Shoes must not be worn inside the tents, to ensure the tents are kept clean and undamaged. Shoes must be removed and left in the porch area of the tents or in the designated boxes in the porch of each tent.
- During the day we recommend you keep the tent doors closed, to prevent insects entering the tent.
- The tents will be cleaned before arrival and foam mattresses left folded in the tent for use of the group upon arrival. There may be more mattresses in each tent than is required but these can be left folded up and out of the way and used as chairs if desired.

Outside the Tents

- Each tent has important ropes and lines that anchor the tent down. Please avoid touching these as this may compromise their integrity. Because of these lines running is not permitted in the tented village
- When departing, tents must be left in the same condition as when you arrived. Please dispose of all rubbish in the bins provided and make sure you take everything you brought away. Except your memories and photos.
- Please note that the ground is gently undulating and therefore extra care must be taken when walking about.
- If the group chooses to utilise the fire pits provided, then it is expected that the group will follow the safety briefing given by Grafham Water Centre Staff.
- Grafham Water Centre is strictly a no-smoking site.

For Everyone

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- T-shirts
- Sweaters/Fleece
- Warm Trousers (**NOT** Jeans)
- Shorts
- Underwear; Pants, Socks
- Nightwear
- Swimwear
- Bath and Hand Towel
- Washing Kit
- Indoor Shoes; slippers or sliders
- Outdoor shoes; trainers
- Water Shoes; can be trainers but **MUST** be able to get them wet
- Waterproof Coat/jacket
- Waterproof Trousers
- Gloves (winter)
- Wellies (winter)
- Hat; cap for summer, beanie for winter
- Bin Liner for wet clothes
- Drinks bottle with name
- Suncream

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EMERGENICES AND ILLNESS

What to do

Adverse weather conditions

- Should high winds or torrential rain result in the tented village becoming dangerous to inhabit Grafham Water Centre will put into place its adverse weather plan for the tented village.
- This will be discussed with you before your course director leaves with the support of the duty manager. An adverse forecast for the night may require action to be taken prior to any groups settling in for the night.
- All members of the group will be asked to collect up their mattresses pillows and sleeping bags and relocate these to the Sports Hall directly adjacent to the toilets, changing rooms and showers.
- This is a large heated indoor space that can accommodate the whole group, in emergencies dividers can be erected to separate children where required
- All belongings and bags can also be moved to the Sports Hall if required
- Should the weather turn unpredictably through the night, group leaders should contact the On-Call member of staff who can oversee the transition to the Sports Hall if this is deemed the safest course of action

Illness and Support

- If a child or leader falls seriously ill during the night, then 999 should be called in emergencies.
- For less serious illness, a box of cleaning materials including gloves, anti-bac wipes bin bags and other essential materials will be left in the leader tent, additionally the On-Call member of staff can be contacted for additional support
- Where bedding has been made unusable, one set of additional bedding materials will be left in the leader's tent. Children's mattresses are waterproof and wipe downable.

Security

- All reasonable measures will have been taken to secure the site including the locking of both access gates, CCTV coverage and flood lights.
- Should any unauthorised person access the site then group leaders must immediately contact the On-Call member of staff.

THE BELL TENT VILLAGE MAP

The bell tent village is a brand new offering at Grafham Water Centre providing a secluded spot which provides peace and calm for a night under the stars!

