

## CHOOSING A CAMPSITE

The following are points to look out for when choosing a campsite:

Permission - not only to camp, but also to use wood fires.

Ground - should be well drained. A slight slope helps rain water to run away (particularly if the soil is clay). Never camp near rushes or reeds.

Wood - trees available should be suitable for both kindling and cooking (eg silver birch and oak - a combination which are often found together).

Prevailing wind - can be found by looking for green moss on the bark of trees - this side of the tree experiences most water (ie rain) and, therefore, faces the oncoming prevailing wind.

Food - farm or shop should be nearby for a ready supply of fresh milk and other perishable food.

Water - pure supply for drinking (eg a tap in a farmer's yard).

Aspect

- pleasant view and good scenery are desirable;
- sheltered from wind, but not so much that the fire does not obtain a good draught;
- whilst at the same time not hidden from the sun.

Toilets - flush type if possible (eg outside toilets in a farmer's yard). If not, chemical type.

Menu - varied - not all fried.

Leave - nothing but thanks at the end of the camp.

Thanks - everyone who helped (farmer for the field; Mummy for help with menu & shopping; Daddy for providing transport).

Forget - not to include on your shopping list: Pepper, sauces, vinegar, Brillos, washing up liquid, matches, etc.