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We've listed every campsite in this guide by category – so, whether you're a keen angler, dog owner, cyclist or more, it's easy to find somewhere great to stay this summer!



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Welcome to our Ultimate Summer Campsites Guide!

It's not always easy to choose somewhere to stay – there is a fantastic variety of sites across the UK, and narrowing down somewhere that might suit you can be tricky. That's particularly the case if you've a specialist interest – perhaps you're into history, or want a park that's suitable for those with families.

So we've compiled this guide to sites that offer something special for you – we've divided them by interest, to help you find the perfect spot. We've also marked sites that made it into our *2024 Top 100 Sites Guide* (practicalcaravan.com/top100) with a logo – these parks come even more highly recommended! »



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But caravan power is limited, particularly if you go off-grid. What's more, petrol generators can be noisy, and are even banned on some sites.

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TOP SITES FOR... VIEW SEEKERS

Want to enjoy some of the best views in the UK? Stay at one of these great sites and get ready to snap those memories on your phone

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1 Trewethett Farm CAMC Site

The Caravan and Motorhome Club Site at Trewethett Farm offers easy footpath access to the legendary sights of Tintagel, and you'll also find the picturesque little harbour of Boscastle nearby if you follow the South West Coast Path north.

However, the big attraction here is the fabulous view from the site over Bossiney Cove's long sandy beach, which is simply delightful. The beach is covered by the tide at high water and it's a steep descent, so you might prefer Polzeath, just down the coast.

Address Trethevy, Tintagel, Cornwall PL34 0BQ
caravanclub.co.uk

Victor Charles



2 Ladram Bay

It's easy to see why this campsite is so popular – you couldn't place a holiday park in a better location, overlooking the glorious Jurassic Coast and with its own beach.

This is very much a resort for the whole family, a place where you can all enjoy the excellent amenities, such as crazy golf, indoor swimming pools, a climbing wall and a superb adventure playground.

If you want to immerse yourself in the views, why not take a dip in the bay or enjoy a spot of kayaking?

Address Otterton, Budleigh Salterton, Devon EX9 7BX
ladrambay.co.uk



3 Castlerigg Hall

What do you expect to see on any trip to the Lake District? Lakes, of course! And at Castlerigg Hall, you're staying slap-bang in the heart of the Lakes, overlooking Derwentwater and five miles to the north-west of Thirlmere. Keswick is less than two miles away.

There are too many local activities to list here, but why not take a walk to the mysterious Castlerigg Stone Circle, thought to date back 2000 years?

The stones overlook Thirlmere Valley, with the mountains of High Seat and Helvellyn as a spectacular backdrop – simply breathtaking!

Address Keswick, Cumbria CA12 4TE
castlerigg.co.uk/the-park

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TOUR TIPS

Book as early as possible for the best deal – but also keep an eye out for last-minute savings!



4 The Quiet Site

A popular park in the Lakes, this delightful site also offers Hobbit Holes, glamping pods and Gingerbread Houses. That shouldn't take away from the main event, which is, of course, the atmospheric views across Ullswater.

The second largest stretch of water in the Lake District, Ullswater (pictured) is surrounded by fells and is one of the UK's most attractive settings. Hikers will enjoy the 20-mile trail circling the lake, and in the early morning, when the mist is on the mountain, you'll see why Wordsworth said: "I wandered lonely as a cloud..."

Address Ullswater, Cumbria CA11 0LS
thequietsite.co.uk

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5 Three Cliffs Bay

We will never tire of celebrating the beauty of the Gower, in South Wales! The vast golden beaches are a huge attraction, yet never seem crowded.

Among the best is Three Cliffs Bay, a sandy beach (pictured) backed by limestone cliffs. You can cut under the cliffs via an arch, or walk across them to the ruins of Pennard Castle. Down below, the Pennard Pill stream weaves its way towards the sea.

Even better is the location of Three Cliffs Bay Holiday Park, where the cliffside pitches overlook the beach.

Address North Hills Farm, Gower, Swansea SA3 2HB
threecliffsbay.com





TOP SITES FOR... WALKERS

Lace up your walking boots for a wonderful stroll in the UK's beautiful landscapes! One of these fantastic sites will make the perfect base

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6 Bellingham Camping and Caravanning Club Site

With 250 square miles of forest, as well as reservoirs and trails, Kielder Forest is a great spot for walkers. Bellingham Camping and Caravanning Club Site is perfectly located in the Northumberland International Dark Sky Park and has plenty of facilities. For those who enjoy a more challenging hike, try the route from Bellingham C&CC Site to the spectacular Hareshaw Linn waterfall.

On the way, take in the beautiful wooded gorge, which is a Site of Special Scientific Interest, where you can observe an array of rare ferns and lichens.

Address Brown Rigg, Bellingham NE48 2JY > campingandcaravanningclub.co.uk



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7 Sherwood Forest Holiday Park

For gentle walks amid ancient oaks (there are said to be 997 of them!), Sherwood Forest has a great deal to commend it. There are plenty of hikes and trails to introduce you to one of England's finest, most evocative forests – don your Lincoln Green and explore in the footsteps of the legendary Robin Hood! The beautiful Sherwood Forest Holiday Park is ideally located on the banks of the River Maun, surrounded by woodland; it's ideal as a base for exploring this beautiful and historic area.

Address Gorsethorpe, Nottinghamshire NG21 9HW
> sherwoodforestholidaypark.co.uk



8 Grantown-on-Spey Caravan Park

A regular in our *Top 100 Sites Guide*, this park in the Cairngorms is just the place for exploring the landscapes of the glorious National Park.

There's fishing for salmon and trout on the River Spey, and a range of walking routes, amid wonderful scenery.

Chalets, pods and wigwams are available for hire, and site facilities at this dog-friendly park include high-speed broadband, two heated shower and toilet blocks, a launderette and a children's play park.

Address Seafeld Avenue, Grantown-on-Spey PH26 3JQ
> www.caravanscotland.com



Sue Taylor

9 Corfe Castle Dorset Camping

Enid Blyton regularly holidayed in Dorset for much of her life, and based the family home of the Famous Five's George on the ruins of Corfe Castle.

The castle is a pleasant stroll of about a mile – with scenic views of the Purbeck Hills – from the Corfe Castle campsite. The latter is in a great location, not only for the village and the castle, but also for enjoying several walks from its doorstep.

It is equally handy for local public transport, if you want to save both energy and shoe leather!

Address Bucknowle, Wareham BH20 5PQ
> corfecastledorsetcamping.co.uk



Elaine Ormerod

10 Broadway CAMC Site

Running the length of the beautiful Cotswolds, the Cotswold Way National Trail stretches 102 miles as it winds south from Chipping Campden through pretty villages, such as Snowhill and Painswick, before ending at Bath Abbey.

There are lots of easy sections (see nationaltrail.co.uk). Birdlip to Painswick is a good start, at 8.5 miles, taking in Cooper's Hill, site of the famous cheese-rolling event. Wherever you decide to walk, Broadway CAMC Site makes an attractive base.

Address Station Road, Broadway, Worcestershire WR12 7DH
> caravanclub.co.uk

TOP SITES FOR... FOOD LOVERS

Consider yourself a keen foodie? Enjoy some fantastic fare by pitching up at one of these brilliant UK campsites this summer!



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11 Cheddar Bridge Touring Park

Cheddar cheese has to be one of the UK's most popular exports, and The Cheddar Gorge Cheese Company, located in Cheddar, Somerset, is the only place it is now made in the village.

It has a visitor centre, with a dairy and a display of the tools used in cheesemaking over the years. Visitors can observe the production process and buy delicious cheesy souvenirs.

Cheddar Bridge Touring Park is an adults-only site with spotless facilities, and best of all, it's within easy walking distance of Cheddar Gorge.

Address Draycott Road, Cheddar, Somerset BS27 3RJ
 > cheddarbridge.co.uk



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12 York Rowntree Park

Earning TripAdvisor's prestigious 'Travellers' Choice Best of the Best', Robinson's Café in York is a must when you visit the historic city.

You'll find brilliant breakfast and lunch offerings, and homemade cakes, in the modern, laid-back café on Bishopthorpe Road. Known fondly by the locals as Bishy Road, this is also home to excellent shops, cafés and food vendors.

Pitch up at York Rowntree Park Caravan and Motorhome Club Site on the banks of the River Ouse, a 20-minute walk from the city centre.

Address Terry Avenue, York YO23 1JQ
 > caravanclub.co.uk



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13 Greaves Farm Caravan Park

In 2022, acclaimed chef Simon Rogan's Cumbrian delight, L'Enclume, was the only new restaurant in the UK to win a third Michelin star. It's located in an 800-year-old former blacksmith's, with Rogan's nearby 12-acre farm supplying much of the produce.

The tasting menu is available for both lunch and dinner and costs £250, with signature wine pairing an additional £150.

Greaves Farm Caravan Park makes a great place to stay; while there, you will be able to enjoy the very best of the Lake District landscape.

Address Grange-over-Sands LA11 6HR
 > greavesfarmcaravanpark.co.uk



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TOUR TIPS

Campsite etiquette is crucial – never walk across someone's pitch unless it's an emergency



14 Dunstan Hill Camping and Caravanning Club Site

A food truck in a car park might not spring to mind when you think of memorable meals, but Pipers Pitch in Northumberland will change all that! This café behind Craster Tourist Information Centre serves hearty food, including haggis and breakfast buns, but their speciality is the splendid Craster Kipper Bap.

For somewhere great to stay, try Dunstan Hill Camping and Caravanning Club Site – it's just a five-minute drive from Craster and overlooks the spectacular landscapes of the Northumberland Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Address Dunstan, Alnwick NE66 3TQ > campingandcaravanningclub.co.uk



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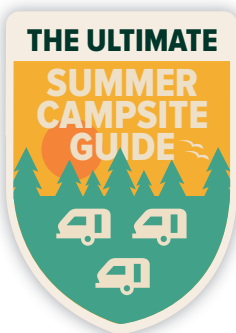
15 Henley Four Oaks CAMC Site

Heston Blumenthal opened The Fat Duck 25 years ago to promote the idea of immersive fine dining. This year, it is offering Topsy-Turvy Tasting, a menu starting with a dessert and ending with an aperitif.

Housed in a 16th-century building in the lovely riverside village of Bray, the restaurant received its third Michelin star in 2017.

Henley Four Oaks CAMC Site is a 20-minute drive away, on the edge of the Chiltern Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty – take a cab and you can enjoy the extensive wine list, too!

Address Henley-on-Thames RG9 2HY
 > caravanclub.co.uk



TOP SITES FOR... CITY GOERS

Get ready to see the bright lights with a stay at one of these fantastic campsites, all within easy reach of a city

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16 Cardiff Caravan & Camping Park

The capital city of Cardiff hosts an impressive range of civic buildings, with a fine museum, City Hall, the Law Courts and the University. Within a stone's throw is the magnificent Cardiff Castle, which dates back to Norman times.

Cardiff Caravan & Camping Park, which is ideal for visiting the city, has a lovely rural feel – you camp in the parkland while only being a riverside stroll away from Cardiff and its many great amenities.

Address Pontcanna Fields, Cardiff CF11 9XR

➤ www.visitcardiff.com/highlights/cardiff-caravan-park/

Phil Russel



18 Bath Marina & Caravan Park

For a city break, there's very little that can beat the fantastic remains and museum of the Roman spa and temple built over the hot springs of Aquae Sulis, now known as Bath.

Nearby Bath Marina and Caravan Park is a popular site, where you can take advantage of the Park & Ride just across the road to get into the city. You can also catch a bus to Bristol from outside the site.

Facilities include toilets, showers, a launderette and chemical disposal, and all of the pitches are hardstanding with 16A electric hook-up.

Address Brassmill Lane, Bath BA1 3JT

➤ bathcaravanpark.com

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19 Dundonald Touring Caravan Park

Increasingly popular as a holiday destination, Northern Ireland offers awesome scenery, wonderful cities and a vibrant cultural life.

Titanic Belfast is the big draw in the capital city of Belfast, but don't miss City Hall, the fine cathedral and the historic *SS Nomadic*.

Dundonald Touring Caravan Park makes an ideal place to pitch if you are keen to enjoy Belfast's highlights: it's just five miles away, and buses depart from the main road alongside.

Address Old Dundonald Road, Castlereagh BT16 1XT

➤ dundonaldcaravanpark.com

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17 Mortonhall Caravan & Camping Park

Edinburgh means many things to many people. From its location below an extinct volcano, to its spectacular castle – the most visited attraction in the whole of Scotland – to the film, comedy, music and military festivals held during the year, to the Scottish Parliament at Holyrood, there really is something to interest everyone.

Mortonhall Caravan & Camping Park lies within an 18th-century arboretum, accessible from Edinburgh City bypass and on a bus route into the city centre.

Address 38 Mortonhall Gate, Frogston Road East, Edinburgh EH16 6TJ

➤ meadowhead.co.uk

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20 Chertsey C&CC Site

You'll have to travel into the suburbs of London to find this site, but it is well worth it, for the pretty location on the banks of the Thames.

Some pitches back on to the river, so you can watch the boats go by while you enjoy your morning tea.

For those heading into London, the train from nearby Weybridge station takes less than 50 minutes to reach Waterloo, from where you can easily get to the South Bank, with attractions such as The London Eye, the Royal Festival Hall and much, much more.

Address Bridge Road, Chertsey, Surrey KT16 8JX

➤ campingandcaravanningclub.co.uk

TOP SITES FOR... WILDLIFE LOVERS

Experience the very best of the UK's fauna with a wildlife-watching tour! A stay at one of these campsites will take you back to nature



Andrew James

21 Lyndon Top Caravan & Camping Park

With more than 390 acres of habitat, 25,000 wildfowl and 31 bird hides, Rutland Water Nature Reserve has to be one of the best places in the UK if you enjoy watching birds and wildlife.

The reserve has seen great success in increasing the population of ospreys, once an endangered species, and they are a highlight of any visit.

To make the most of your visit, pitch up at the lovely Lyndon Top Caravan & Camping Park, which lies beside the shores of Rutland Water.

Address Lyndon Road, Oakham, Rutland LE15 8RN
 > lyndontop.com



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22 Honeycott Caravan Park

The native red squirrel is sadly now rare in Britain, but there is a thriving population in the Widdale Squirrel Reserve – you can get close to these charming little creatures, which are surprisingly tolerant of people.

Other species to spot while you're there include badgers, hedgehogs, buzzards, bullfinches and lizards.

Honeycott Caravan Park makes a great base for a tour to the area, and it's just a 10-minute walk from Hawes, which has a good selection of shops, bars and eateries.

Address Ingelton Road, Hawes, North Yorkshire DL8 3LH
 > honeycott.co.uk



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23 Blaenwaun Caravan Park

At 50 miles long, Cardigan Bay is the biggest bay in the British Isles and a magnet for marine life, including grey seals, harbour porpoise, and common and bottlenose dolphins.

Rarer visitors include minke whales, Risso's dolphins, sunfish, basking sharks, puffins and other seabirds.

At Cardigan Bay Marine Wildlife Centre, you can learn all about them, and take a boat trip around the bay.

Blaenwaun Caravan Park is located four miles north of Cardigan, and offers tremendous views of the bay.

Address Mwnt, Cardigan, Ceredigion SA43 1QF
 > blauenwaunfarm.com

TOUR TIPS

Check each site's earliest arrival time before setting off – they can vary greatly



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24 Ballyness Caravan Park

The only inhabited offshore island in Northern Ireland, Rathlin is the perfect place to view a huge variety of wildlife, including dolphins, whales, seals and basking sharks. However, the area is best known for its spectacular seabird colonies. Many species take advantage of the cliffs to protect their eggs, and you'll be able to see kittiwakes, guillemots and razorbills – and of course, puffins.

A great place to stay is our 2024 *Top 100 Sites Guide* overall winner, Ballyness Caravan Park, a 20-minute drive from Ballycastle and the passenger ferry to Rathlin.

Address 40 Castlecatt Road, Bushmills BT57 8TN > ballynesscaravanpark.com



25 Tudor Caravan Park

Tudor Caravan Park in Gloucestershire is a Honey Bee Friendly Park and has won Wildflower Habitat and Hedgerows Awards, recognising its efforts to extend the flowering season with a buddleia bed and wild borders. Wildlife is already present because of the site's location by the Gloucester and Sharpness Canal, but log piles, bird boxes, insect houses and planting thousands of local hedge and tree species encourage even more.

The Slimbridge Wetlands Centre (pictured) is close by, too.

Address Shepherds Patch, Slimbridge GL2 7BP
 > tudorcaravanpark.com





TOP SITES FOR... ANGLERS

Enjoy casting a line when you're on tour? One of these fantastic campsites is sure to bring a smile to your face!

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26 Dunes at Whitesands Camping

Stay at Dunes at Whitesands Camping for easy access to beautiful Whitesands beach (pictured) in Pembrokeshire. The site has huge pitches – all of which are private, you won't have to share with anyone – and provide a firepit and a picnic table, so you can make the most of the splendid views. Sea anglers could catch bass, flounder, dogfish and whiting here, among others. Note that dogs are not allowed on site, and chemical disposal is for Elsan Organic Green Toilet Fluid only.

Address Craig-Y-Mor, Whitesands, St Davids, Pembrokeshire SA62 6PT

➤ dunesatwhitesands.co.uk

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27 Loch Ness Shores C&CC Site

As one of few sites with direct access to the lake (pictured), Loch Ness Shores Camping and Caravanning Club Site has stunning surroundings.

From Easter to October, you can hire a motorboat or kayak, complete with a fishing permit, and head out on the water – anglers will revel in the location, which offers game and brown trout fishing in season.

If you'd prefer to go walking, you'll find plenty of trails to follow in the surrounding area, which will allow you to enjoy the fabulous views.

Address Monument Park, Inverness IV2 6YH

➤ campingandcaravanningclub.co.uk

Phil Russel



28 Eye Kettleby Lakes

A past overall winner in our *Top 100 Sites Guide*, this site is packed with fantastic facilities, but the prospect of nine coarse fishing lakes remains its star attraction.

These include two specimen carp lakes, six mixed coarse fishing lakes and a private lake for lodge residents. Day tickets are available.

The clubhouse also has a bar and tearoom, open to day visitors as well as guests. Reception is in a separate area; it's here that you can book for fishing (and tuition if you need it).

Address Eye Kettleby, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire LE14 2TN

➤ eyekettlebylakes.com

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29 Milton of Fonab

Scotland is, of course, a favourite location for its world-famous salmon fishing, and at this site, you'll have easy access to the River Tummel, a tributary of the Tay.

The fishing here covers around 1.7km of river and is particularly good in spring and early summer; later in the year, anglers have the chance to catch brown trout. Day permits for salmon fishing cost £35-£60, depending on the time of year.

Back at the site itself, all pitches have electric hook-up, and dogs (to be kept on a lead) are welcome.

Address Pitlochry PH16 5NA

➤ fonab.co.uk

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30 Woodland Waters

This dedicated fishing and holiday park is packed with facilities and has five lakes of varying sizes, the largest covering 14 acres. The specimen lake has carp and pike to 27.5lb, and you'll also find tench, bream, roach, rudd and perch. The roach pool is popular with younger anglers.

The park itself is set in 72 acres of beautiful woodland, and both electric and non-electric pitches are available. There is a pair of amenity blocks for guests, and keen walkers will enjoy the footpaths through the trees.

Address Ancaster, Grantham, Lincolnshire NG32 3RT

➤ woodlandwaters.co.uk

TOP SITES FOR... HISTORY LOVERS

Keen historians can discover some of the UK's splendid stories during a stay at one of these brilliant campsites this summer



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31 Teversal Campsite

The magnificent Elizabethan mansion at Hardwick Hall (pictured) might be more familiar as Malfoy Manor to Harry Potter fans, but it has its own spectacular history, as one of England's earliest examples of Renaissance style. Now owned by the National Trust and English Heritage, it is open to visitors.

Stay at Teversal Campsite for trips to the Hardwick estate, and bring your hiking boots, so you can explore the beauty of the Peak District, too.

The site is open all year round, and has three types of pitch available.

Address Sutton-in-Ashfield NG17 3JJ

➤ silverhillwoodlandretreats.co.uk/touring



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32 Boroughbridge C&CC Site

Boroughbridge C&CC Site, on the banks of the River Ure, is the perfect place to stay when you are visiting Aldborough Roman Site. You can discover 1800 years of history here, including mosaic pavements from the Roman town and a peaceful Victorian arboretum.

The site itself is also handy if you want to explore the historic city of York, and Boroughbridge is within walking distance. It's also within easy reach of the North York Moors and Yorkshire Dales National Parks.

Address Bar Lane, Roecliffe, North Yorkshire YO51 9LS

➤ campingandcaravanningclub.co.uk



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33 River Breamish CAMC Site

Dunstanburgh Castle, on the coast of Northumberland, is a 14th-century fortress – and now a magnificent ruin, overlooking the beautiful coastline between Craster and Embleton.

Handy for a trip to the castle is River Breamish Caravan and Motorhome Club Site, which lies on a wide plain amid rolling hills, offers splendid views, flat pitches, nearby dog-walks through the woods, a weekly fish and chip van and Calor gas sales. Birdwatchers will also appreciate the hide offering sightings over the adjacent lake.

Address Alnwick, Northumberland NE66 4HY

➤ caravanclub.co.uk



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TOUR TIPS

If you need to leave a site early in the morning, check any exit gates will be opened in time



34 Lickhill Manor Caravan Park

Harvington Hall, in Worcestershire, is a grand Elizabethan moated manor house, built on the site of a previous dwelling, a smaller timber-framed building on an artificial island. The fine house you see today was significantly extended after being inherited in 1578 by Humphrey Pakington.

Pitch up at Lickhill Manor Caravan Park, which is open all year and has around 300 touring pitches. It is beautifully landscaped, with ponds, trees and shrubs.

Address Stourport-on-Severn, Worcestershire DY13 8RL

➤ hillandale.co.uk/our-parks/lickhill-manor-caravan-park



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35 Ferry Meadows CAMC Site

Peterborough Cathedral is famed for its dramatic Early English Gothic west front, where three huge arches, each with a statue above, are framed by slender towers and steeples.

Even if churches are not your thing, this is a lovely place to spend time, so tranquil and fascinating. On a hot day, the interior is also refreshingly cool.

Among caravanners, Peterborough is perhaps best known for the Ferry Meadows CAMC Site, on the edge of the city. It has excellent facilities and is next to a superb country park.

Address Ham Lane, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire PE2 5UU

➤ caravanclub.co.uk





TOP SITES FOR... ADULTS ONLY

If you're on tour without under-18s, you'll love staying at one of these truly peaceful, adults-only campsites

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36 Old Oaks Touring Park

Just a 10-minute drive from Glastonbury, Old Oaks Touring Park is a pristine adults-only touring park in the heart of the Somerset countryside.

Large hardstandings are attractively laid out and you can choose from standard, super, premier and superior pitches. Dogs are welcome and can enjoy the 300m dog-walk, hot water dog-shower, dog swimming pool and nature pond.

Also onsite is a shop stocked with local produce and a modern facilities block. There's even a pair of high-tech toilet cassette emptying machines!

Address Wick Farm, Wick Lane, Glastonbury BA6 8JS > theoldoaks.co.uk



37 South Wales Touring Park

South Wales Touring Park, also known as Llwynifan Farm, offers visitors really stunning views of the South Wales countryside, yet is located just a mile away from the M4.

The site is perfect for exploring South and West Wales, including the Gower Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (pictured). Facilities include heated shower rooms, toilets, dish-washing and laundry, and a dog-shower. It has teamed up with a local firm to offer dog-sitting. Shops, pubs and eateries are an easy walk away.

Address Fferm Llwynifan Farm, Llangennech, Llanelli SA14 8AX
> southwalescaravansite.co.uk



Marcus Hawkins/Digital Camera magazine

38 Waterrow Touring Park

Set in a wooded valley surrounded by peaceful riverside walks, Waterrow is a great place to get away from it all. There's also fantastic walking almost on your doorstep, in the Quantock Hills and Exmoor National Park (pictured), making this award-winning destination a brilliant touring base.

The 42 hardstanding pitches have hook-up, water and grey-waste disposal, and are separated by grassy areas. Toilets and showers are housed in a converted barn, with a washing-up area and laundry facilities.

Address Waterrow, Wiveliscombe, Taunton, Somerset TA4 2AZ
> waterrowpark.co.uk



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39 Chain Bridge Touring Park

Beside the River Tweed on the England-Scotland border, Chain Bridge Touring Park is an ideal base for exploring Northumberland's coast.

A stone's throw from Berwick-upon-Tweed (pictured), this adults-only site offers luxurious facilities, fully serviced pitches and Wi-Fi.

A riverside path runs behind the site, perfect for cycling or dog walks. The serene site is also next to Chain Bridge Honey Farm, home to a museum, gift shop and seasonal Café Bus.

Address Horncliffe, Berwick-upon-Tweed TD15 2XT
> chainbridgecaravansite.co.uk



40 Plough Lane Caravan Site

Neat as a pin and nestled among fine trees, this site continues to please its guests, who have voted it into our *Top 100 Sites Guide* for many years.

When you visit, it's clear to see the pride with which this family-run site is maintained. The facilities are simply immaculate. There's no on-site shop, but a large supermarket is only a few minutes' walk away.

The site benefits from a bus stop just outside, with services to take you into Chippenham. From there, trains go to Bath, Bristol and Swindon.

Address Kington Langley, Chippenham, Wiltshire SN15 5PS
> ploughlane.co.uk

TOP SITES FOR... FAMILIES

Those touring with youngsters will enjoy a wonderful stay at one of these fantastic, family-friendly sites!



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41 Highlands End

A perfect spot for the whole family, Highlands End is packed with superb facilities, including a pool, sauna and steam room, nine-hole pitch-and-putt course, and for the younger ones, a dedicated soft play area.

The site, which has views along the Jurassic Coast, offers visitors a choice of touring pitches, glamping, lodges and holiday apartments.

Four-legged friends are welcome, with a dog-exercise field and doggy shower, and gorgeous Eype Beach (pictured) is a 10-minute walk away.

Address Eype, Bridport DT6 6AR

➤ wdlh.co.uk/holiday-parks/highlands-end



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42 Holgates Silverdale

For the ideal all-singing, all-dancing family-friendly holiday park, look no further than Holgates Silverdale.

The park has more than 100 acres of grounds and woods, overlooking the vast Morecambe Bay (pictured), and a range of activities and facilities to keep the whole family entertained. These include an indoor swimming pool complex – complete with lifeguards – bubble pool, hot tub, steam room and sauna, gym, 10-pin bowling alley, adventure playgrounds and a games room.

Address Middlebarrow Plain,

Cove Road, Silverdale LA5 0SH

➤ holgates.co.uk/our-parks/silverdale



43 Stowford Farm Meadows

Stowford, just inland from Combe Martin, covers 500 acres and five touring fields. A large site usually means plenty of facilities, and these are in abundance at Stowford.

Children can play with the animals at the site's Petorama, go horse-riding or use the indoor, heated pool. Also on the list are pitch-and-putt, crazy golf and play areas.

There are two family-friendly bars, a restaurant and a take-away chippie.

The site is dog-friendly, with miles of trails through its 70 acres of woods.

Address Berry Down, Combe

Martin, North Devon EX34 0PW

➤ stowford.co.uk



TOUR TIPS

If you're expecting guests, check with reception whether they'll need to be signed into the site



44 Swiss Farm Touring & Camping

This delightful touring spot, a short walk from Henley-on-Thames, has a range of accommodation, including lodges by the lake. Spacious pitches are set in landscaped grounds and the Farm Kitchen Restaurant & Café serves meals daily.

Dogs are welcome – there's a dog-walk and a dog-washing facility. The on-site swimming pool is open in the summer. There are also modern facilities blocks and a dish-washing area. This is the perfect place to enjoy a good walk by the Thames or a cycle ride into the stunning Chiltern Hills.

Address Marlow Road, Henley-on-Thames RG9 2HY ➤ swissfarmcamping.co.uk



45 Blakemere Holiday Park

Blakemere Holiday Park lies next to family-friendly Blakemere Village, where activities range from a play park and crazy golf to a fairground and a miniature railway. There's also a selection of independent shops.

The site's amenities block houses a licensed shop, family shower room, accessible facilities, toilets and hot showers, and a dishwashing area.

Destinations to visit include Beeston Castle and Chester, while Delamere Forest (pictured), with walks and cycle trails, is only a few miles away.

Address Chester Road, Sandiway, Northwich CW8 2EB

➤ stayatblakemere.co.uk





TOP SITES FOR... DOG OWNERS

Touring with a canine companion? Check into one of these hound-friendly sites, for some paw-fectly fun times away!

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46 Concierge Camping

If your pet appreciates the finer things in life, Concierge Camping will suit them down to the ground. This peaceful, premier campsite shows that 'dog is in the detail' – every element, from pitches and facilities to the coffee shop and electric vehicle charging points, indicates that this destination is a class above.

Dogs stay for free, and there's a luxury dog-shower, too. Set in gorgeous rolling countryside, a short drive from the coast, this one's definitely worth considering.

Address Ratham Estate, West Ashling, Chichester, West Sussex PO18 8DL

➤ conciergecamping.co.uk



47 Woolacombe Sands

The stunning stretch of Devon coast at Woolacombe Beach (pictured) is perfect for dogs.

Local dog-owners tend to park on Marine Drive and walk down to the beach, because it's cheaper to park and you're closer to the quietest stretch of sand. Check online for dates when certain sections of the beach are closed to dogs.

As for where to stay: Woolacombe Sands Holiday Park makes a great spot, with tremendous views.

Address Beach Road, Woolacombe, North Devon EX34 7AF

➤ woolacombe-sands.co.uk/tents-tourers



48 Broadhembury Caravan Park

This lovely campsite is ideally located for exploring Kent, just 40 minutes from Dover (a pre-ferry stop-over?).

Dogs are welcome on the nearby beaches, including The Warren Beach, near Folkestone, and Greatstone and Littlestone Beaches, New Romney.

Couples might prefer the quieter Meadows section of the site, but all pitches are close to excellent facilities. Two dogs are allowed per pitch.

Broadhembury celebrates its 55th anniversary this year, with a special event on 31 August 2024.

Address Steeds Lane, Kingsnorth, Ashford, Kent TN26 1NQ

➤ broadhembury.co.uk



49 Daisy Bank Touring Caravan Park

Daisy Bank welcomes well-behaved dogs. The campsite has a fenced dog-walk, where your pets can run off the lead, and it's set in a stunning area of the country for longer treks.

This adults-only park has five-star facilities, including award-winning, heated amenities blocks.

On the border between England and Wales, Daisy Bank Touring Caravan Park has the backdrop of the Shropshire Hills (pictured) for plenty of great walking trails.

Address Montgomery, Powys, Wales SY15 6EB

➤ daisy-bank.co.uk



50 Findhorn Bay Holiday Park

Findhorn Bay is a *Top 100 Sites* regular, accommodating touring vehicles, tents and holiday home hire. The site is a 20-minute walk from the seaside village of Findhorn, home to pubs, restaurants and shops as well as the beautiful sandy shores of Findhorn Beach (pictured). The site itself overlooks picturesque Findhorn Bay.

Your furry friends are welcome at this site, which provides a doggy shower, water bowls around the park and a guide to dog-friendly local attractions and walks.

Address The Park, Findhorn, Forres IV36 3TY

➤ findhornbayholidaypark.com

TOP SITES FOR... BEACH LOVERS

Whether you're a fan of sand or prefer pebbles, you're onto a shore thing with a tour near a beach. Check out one of these great seaside sites...



51 Annalong Holiday Park

Part of the Chestnutt Holiday Parks group, this site is located in the pretty seafront village of Annalong, home to an excellent choice of restaurants and independent shops.

The 11 touring pitches lie at the back of the park, with stunning sea views.

Access to the facilities block, with accessible services, is good, too.

The site welcomes dogs, and allows barbecues. There's an award-winning fish & chip shop nearby, and it's just a 10-minute walk to visit the popular Annalong Harbour Bar.

Address 38 Kilkeel Road, Annalong, Newry BT34 4TJ
➤ chestnuttholidayparks.com



52 Pentewan Sands

Intriguing coves, fishing villages and wide sandy beaches can be found along Cornwall's southern coast.

The mile-long stretch of near-white sand at Pentewan looks out over the English Channel and is well-served by a selection of fantastic facilities, including waterskiing, a boat launch and The Seahorse centre, perfect for a family day out with its indoor pools and children's play area.

Food is available *al fresco* on the beautiful decking that offers views of the bay, or down at the beach shack.

Address Pentewan, St Austell, Cornwall PL26 6BT
➤ pentewan.co.uk



53 Pinewoods Holiday Park

Sitting pretty on the edge of Wells Beach (pictured) and just a short walk away from the celebrated Holkham Beach, Pinewoods offers a great variety of holiday accommodation, including excellent touring options.

It's a sizeable park, with a lake, playground, café and shop, and its own miniature railway. The big draw is the wonderful beaches, all within Norfolk Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It goes without saying, the region is also great for cycling and walking – “Very flat, Norfolk!”

Address Beach Road, Wells-next-the-Sea NR23 1DR
➤ pinewoods.co.uk



TOUR TIPS

If you're a light sleeper and can choose your pitch, select somewhere away from facilities



54 Portnadoran Caravan Site

From Arisaig to Mallaig, this stretch of Scotland's west coast is sprinkled with white-sand beaches that wouldn't look out of place in the Caribbean – although dipping your toes in the cold North Sea will soon dispel the notion that you are anywhere other than Bonnie Scotland!

Don't miss the opportunity to pitch right near the water at one of the many sites along this coastline, including beautiful Portnadoran. It offers direct access to the stunning beaches, and views over to Skye. Dogs are also welcome.

Address Bunacaimb, Arisaig PH39 4NT ➤ 01687 450 267



55 Abererch Sands

Lying on the Llŷn Peninsula, this site is a great base for exploring North Wales. There's plenty to see, from Eryri (Snowdonia) and the Ffestiniog & Welsh Highland Railways to the Italianate village of Portmeirion.

However, you might find that you've enough to explore on your doorstep, because this park has its own private, four-mile, sandy beach, for swimming, waterskiing and boating.

Nearby, you'll find the seaside town of Pwllheli and onsite, there is an indoor swimming pool, a snooker room and a children's play area.

Address Pwllheli LL53 6PJ
➤ abererch-sands.co.uk

