



# A LITTLE GUIDE TO **CAMPING** WITH KIDS





A woman with long blonde hair, wearing a light purple tank top and dark pants, is crouching on the left side of the frame. She is looking up at a young girl with long blonde braids, who is leaning forward and climbing a large, textured rock. The girl is wearing a blue denim dress over a white shirt and pink sneakers. She is smiling and looking back at the woman. The woman's hands are extended towards the girl, as if helping her. The background is a lush green forest with sunlight filtering through the trees. The overall mood is joyful and adventurous.

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# **HOLIDAYS TO REMEMBER FOREVER**

If you haven't yet done so, you have GOT to take the kids camping – it's almost a rite of passage! We challenge you to find someone who hasn't got a story about the time they went camping as a child – it's almost impossible. Those are the holidays you remember forever, the ones where you used to go out exploring all day and come back covered in mud, with a pocket full of random bugs, absolutely soaked to the skin because you didn't even notice it was raining while you were having the most brilliant time ever!

... Plus, you can send them to the site shop for milk.

## BE THERE OR BE SQUARE

Children are allowed to camp with you on most campsites and many have facilities geared up to help keep the kids amused, so be sure to check out what's what when you're looking for your next break away.

Here's some of our favourite Club Sites:



**CANNOCK CHASE CLUB SITE** (Staffordshire) is located in absolutely stunning surroundings, so while the kids are happy on the new wooden frame play area or the Gruffalo Trail, you can be planning the bike ride routes...but be warned – there are loads! It's also really close to Go Ape! so your little monkeys can go wild.



**ADGESTONE CLUB SITE** (Isle of Wight) has got two play areas, TWO. Oh, and a swimming pool and paddling pool as well as endless beaches, cream teas and a vineyard nearby. You'll even get a ferry discount and the whole getting-there thing organised for you if you're a member of The Camping and Caravanning Club.



**ALTON, THE STAR CLUB SITE** and **DRAYTON MANOR CLUB SITE** are, as you would suspect, right on the doorsteps of the well-known theme parks, so no need to stay at the pricey hotels. Even if theme parks aren't your cup of tea, you're close to other winners such as the SnowDome, and Cadbury World – and show us a kid who doesn't like chocolate.....see, camping wins.

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Every parent knows that a happy child means a happy holiday. The best way to avoid tears and tantrums is to go armed with ideas to keep the family entertained. There are so many things you can do in the big wide world, the possibilities are endless, so don't let your imagination limit the fun! You could even make a camping bucket list and cross off as many things as possible throughout the season!

For more of an action-packed adventure, why not find somewhere you can give some of these a go:

- ★ Horseback riding
- ★ Bug collecting – eugh!
- ★ Football
- ★ Hiking
- ★ Tree climbing
- ★ Boat, canoe, or kayaking
- ★ Bodyboarding
- ★ Miniature golf
- ★ Zorbing
- ★ Bike riding
- ★ Rock climbing
- ★ Skimming stones
- ★ Paddle boarding
- ★ Snorkelling

Or for a quieter, more relaxed approach you could try:

- ★ Fishing
- ★ Swimming
- ★ Birdwatching
- ★ Animal watching
- ★ Nature gathering (pine cones, rocks, leaves, etc)
- ★ Making a dream catcher out of sticks, feathers and pine cones
- ★ Collecting leaves and doing rubbings
- ★ Going on a photo safari, taking pictures of the flora and fauna you find
- ★ Decorating (paint or colour) pebbles collected from the beach
- ★ Colour scavenger hunt (grey = stone, pink = flower, green = leaf)
- ★ Building a sandcastle

Take a look at [campingandcaravanningclub.co.uk/kidscamping](http://campingandcaravanningclub.co.uk/kidscamping) where there's oodles of really helpful information and advice and a much more substantial list of all the sites you can visit – definitely worth a browse.







And the best idea by far is to have a supply of games for wet weather – because that's when camping with kids gets interesting! You could try:

- ★ Card games
- ★ Board games (you could even have an old school night and teach them how to play Monopoly properly!)
- ★ Crafts (knitting, sewing, drawing)
- ★ Storytelling
- ★ Or venture out into the rain to jump in muddy puddles!





  
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