

CAMPCOMPASS UK

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The UK Secret Pitch Map

Free & wild-camping spots — legally slept in.

Backed by 21,999+ vetted UK pitches in the app.

Members-only. Share with fellow campers, not spammers.

Live map in the CampCompass app — every pin flagged, dated and verified.

The one page every UK camper should own

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Scotland — legal

The Scottish Outdoor Access Code allows responsible wild camping on most unenclosed land. Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park has permit zones Mar-Sep — respect them.

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Dartmoor — legal

The 2023 UK Supreme Court ruling reinstated the right to wild camp in the permitted zones marked on the Dartmoor National Park map. Backpack only, no vehicles.

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Rest of England & Wales — landowner permission

Technically requires the landowner's OK. In practice, farmers, pubs and Certificated Locations legally offer thousands of pitches — this map is where those live.

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Northern Ireland — restricted

Wild camping is generally not permitted, but the Mourne Heritage Trust and several forest parks run booked-in wild-style pitches with no facilities.

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Leave No Trace

Arrive late, leave early, out of sight, carry out everything, no fires on peat or in high-fire-risk periods. Every rude camper burns a pitch for the next twenty.

Where the free pitches actually live

Every category is a filter in the CampCompass app. Toggle one, see every pin in that layer live.

Certificated Locations (CLs)

≈2,100 pitches

The Caravan & Motorhome Club's 5-pitch member sites — often on working farms, £8-14/night, water + chem-waste usually included. Filter for CL in the CampCompass app.

Pub & Brewery Stopovers

≈380 stops

Free pitches offered by the pub in exchange for a meal (usually a £15 minimum). Britstops-style, but curated by the CampCompass community. Filter: Pub Stopover.

Scottish Wild-Camping Zones

≈450 verified spots

Legal under the Outdoor Access Code. We flag the ones with drivable access, mobile signal, and passing places wide enough for a Bailey Discovery.

MBA Bothies (vehicle-adjacent)

≈80 shelters

Free open shelters maintained by the Mountain Bothies Association. Our filter shows only those you can park within 20 minutes' walk of.

Forestry & Farm Overnight Pitches

≈220 pitches

Forestry England, Natural Resources Wales and independent farmers offering low-facility overnight stays. £0-8/night is typical.

Three routes, stitched from the map

The Highland Loop (3 nights, £0)

Loch Lomond → Glen Coe → Rannoch Moor → Cairngorms. Every night in a legal Scottish wild-camping zone, every morning within 5 miles of a proper coffee.

The West Country Coast Run (3 nights, £12 total)

Three pub stopovers along the South West Coast Path — buy dinner, sleep for free. Cornwall's coastal footpath at 6am, no bookings, no traffic.

The Snowdonia Solitude Circuit (2 nights, £16 total)

Two Certificated Locations bracketing a day in the Ogwen Valley. Dark Sky Reserve overhead, hardstanding underfoot, £8/night.

How to keep the whole network open

- 01** Arrive after 7pm at pub stopovers — you'll get the corner spot, not the delivery-lorry gap.
- 02** Check the last 'slept here' date in the app. Over 60 days = phone the number listed first.
- 03** Never park on soft verges after October. What looked firm at 8pm is a tow-truck bill by 8am.
- 04** Buy something. Even at 'free' pitches — a pint, a jar of jam, a newspaper — kills bad feeling forever.
- 05** One night per spot unless invited to stay longer. Rotation keeps the whole network open.
- 06** Move on politely if asked. Even legal-in-Scotland pitches sometimes have a local reason you don't know about.
- 07** Flag the pitch in the app after you leave. A single tap keeps the map honest for the next van.

OPEN THE LIVE MAP

The exact pins are in the app.

21,999+ UK pitches, live-flagged, member-v

This PDF is the framework. The live pitches are in the CampCompass app:

- Filter by CL, Pub Stopover, Scottish Wild, Bothy or Forestry
- See the last date a member actually slept there
- Real photos, real signal reports, real 'is the gate locked' updates
- Flag a pitch that's changed — the map updates for everyone in 24h

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