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Keeping Safe on Site

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We want everyone to enjoy a safe and relaxing stay at Cotswold View. As a countryside campsite within a working farm and woodland environment, there are some natural and operational hazards to be aware of. Please take reasonable care during your stay, supervise children appropriately and familiarise yourself with the following safety information. Our Site Rules and Booking Conditions should also be read alongside this guidance.

Fire and Carbon Monoxide Safety

- Please familiarise yourself with the campsite's fire safety arrangements as soon as possible after arrival, including the location of your nearest fire point and assembly point.
- Ensure that your unit and associated equipment comply with the 6 metre fire-spacing requirements set out in our Site Rules.
- Carbon monoxide can kill. Never use a barbecue or other unsuitable fuel-burning appliance inside a tent, awning, camping pod, caravan, motorhome or other enclosed space.
- Never take a lit, used or smouldering barbecue inside your accommodation, tent or awning. Barbecues can continue to produce dangerous carbon monoxide for hours after cooking has finished.
- Candles, tea lights and other unprotected naked flames must not be used inside or near tents, awnings or other combustible camping structures. Please use battery-operated lighting instead.
- Barbecues and camping stoves should only be used outside in a suitably ventilated area and safely away from tents and other combustible materials. Barbecue safety for campers and caravanners and the dangers of Carbon Monoxide.
- Never leave cooking equipment unattended while it is in use.
- We strongly recommend that caravans, motorhomes and other appropriate accommodation are fitted with working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and that these are regularly tested. Fire-service guidance recommends both smoke and CO alarms for caravans. Camping and caravanning safety.
- In the event of a fire, raise the alarm, get everyone to safety, call 999 and follow the instructions of our team and the emergency services. Camping and caravanning safety.
- Do not put yourself at risk attempting to fight a fire. Your priority should be to get yourself and others to safety.
- Please refer to our Site Rules for the requirements relating to barbecues, fire pits, smoking and other sources of ignition.

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If You Discover a Fire

- Raise the alarm immediately using the nearest fire point and call 999.
- Alert anyone in the immediate area and move yourself and others to safety.
- Do not stop to collect belongings or attempt to move vehicles, caravans or other equipment.
- Make your way to the designated fire assembly point located in The Old Shed car park and follow any instructions given by our team or the emergency services.
- Remain at the assembly point until instructed otherwise. Do not return to your pitch, camping pod or any affected area to collect belongings.
- Keep children and pets under close control.
- Keep all campsite roads, entrances and access routes clear for emergency vehicles.
- If safe to do so, inform a member of our team of the location and nature of the fire and whether you believe anyone may be missing or require assistance.
- Do not return to the affected area until the emergency services or our team confirm that it is safe to do so.
- Do not put yourself at risk attempting to fight a fire. Your priority is to raise the alarm, call 999 and get yourself and others to safety.

Roads, Paths and Uneven Surfaces

- Cotswold View is a countryside campsite and some roads, woodland tracks, paths and other surfaces may be uneven or naturally irregular.
- Please take particular care when walking or cycling around the campsite and wear footwear appropriate to the conditions.
- During or following wet, icy or adverse weather, paths, decking, steps, drain covers and other surfaces may become wet or slippery.
- Take particular care around moving vehicles and when crossing campsite roads. Please remember that vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists share areas of the campsite.
- If you notice damage or anything you believe presents a safety hazard, please report it to Reception or a member of our team as soon as possible.
- Do not walk or cycle underneath the ANPR barrier when it is raised, as the barrier may move unexpectedly. Please use the appropriate pedestrian route and keep clear of the barrier while it is operating.

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- For the full rules relating to vehicles, bicycles and recreational equipment, please refer to our Site Rules.

Lighting and Moving Around After Dark

- The campsite uses low-level, subdued lighting to reduce light pollution and minimise the impact on our rural surroundings.
- Some areas of the campsite, woodland and surrounding countryside may therefore be very dark after sunset.
- We strongly recommend carrying a torch when walking around the campsite after dark.
- Take care around tents, guy ropes, pegs and other low-level camping equipment, particularly after dark.
- Please use recognised paths and routes wherever possible and take additional care around uneven ground, steps, road edges and other natural obstacles.
- Children should be appropriately supervised when moving around the campsite after dark.
- Any external lighting brought onto the campsite should be used considerately and positioned so that it does not cause a nuisance to neighbouring guests or unnecessarily illuminate the surrounding countryside.
- Flashing or excessively bright external lighting is not permitted. You may be asked to reposition, reduce or remove lighting where it is causing a disturbance.

Weather Conditions

- Weather conditions can change quickly. During periods of strong winds, heavy rain, thunderstorms, extreme heat or other adverse weather, please take additional care around the campsite.
- Do not put yourself or others at risk attempting to protect, retrieve or secure equipment or belongings during unsafe weather conditions. Wait until it is safe to do so.
- Where it is safe and conditions allow, please secure awnings, gazebos, wind-out canopies and other outdoor equipment before adverse weather arrives.
- Take additional care around trees, woodland, uneven ground, wet or slippery surfaces and other natural hazards during and following adverse weather.
- If conditions become unsafe, please follow any instructions given by our team and avoid affected or restricted areas until advised otherwise.
- Please report any fallen branches, damaged trees, flooding or other weather-related hazards to Reception or a member of our team as soon as it is safe to do so.

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Amenity Blocks

- Our amenity blocks are cleaned regularly and may be temporarily closed while cleaning or maintenance is taking place. Please respect any closure signs, barriers or instructions from our team.
- Floors may become wet or slippery, particularly around showers, entrances and wash areas. Please take appropriate care and ensure children are appropriately supervised.
- Shower and tap water may be hot. Please take care when using hot water and supervise children or anyone who may require assistance.
- Please do not allow children to play or run inside the amenity blocks.
- Please report any water leaks, damaged equipment, excessively hot water, slippery surfaces or other safety concerns to Reception or a member of our team as soon as possible.
- Please use the facilities considerately and leave them in a safe and tidy condition for other guests.

Supervision of Children

- Parents and guardians are responsible for the safety and supervision of children in their care at all times while at Cotswold View.
- Children should be appropriately supervised around site roads, vehicles, play areas, woodland, livestock, water, electrical equipment and other potential hazards.
- Please ensure children understand that Cotswold View is part of a working farm and countryside environment, where natural hazards and moving vehicles may be present.
- Play areas are not entirely risk free. Children should use play equipment appropriate to their age and ability and must be suitably supervised.
- The play area is available for use from 9:00am until dusk.
- For the full requirements relating to children, ball games, bicycles, scooters and other recreational equipment, please refer to our Site Rules.

Recreational Facilities and Play Equipment

- Recreational facilities and equipment, including our children's play areas, zip wire, outdoor gym equipment, football pitch, tennis court and disc golf course, should only be used for their intended purpose and in accordance with any instructions or signage provided.
- Please check equipment before use and do not use anything that appears damaged, unsafe or out of service. Report any concerns to Reception or a member of our team as soon as possible.
- Children must be appropriately supervised and should only use equipment suitable for their age and ability.

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- Do not climb on, interfere with, misuse or attempt to alter any recreational or play equipment.
- Please take account of weather and ground conditions before using outdoor recreational facilities. Equipment or facilities that have been closed by our team must not be used.
- Appropriate footwear and clothing should be worn for the activity being undertaken.
- Recreational activities involve a degree of inherent physical risk, including the possibility of slips, trips, falls and collisions. Guests should use the facilities responsibly and within their own abilities.
- If an accident occurs or equipment is damaged during use, please report it to Reception or a member of our team as soon as reasonably possible.

Electrical Safety

- Electrical hook-up cables should be positioned carefully to minimise trip hazards and, wherever possible, should not cross roads, footpaths or access routes.
- Hook-up cables must be fully unwound when in use and must not be left coiled, as coiled cables can overheat. The Camping and Caravanning Club specifically advises fully uncoiling hook-up cables to avoid overheating.
- Any excess cable should be positioned safely within your pitch, preferably underneath or alongside your unit where it will not create a trip hazard.
- Hook-up cables, plugs and connectors must be suitable for campsite use, maintained in good condition and protected from damage.
- Do not use damaged cables, plugs, sockets or electrical equipment. If you notice damage to one of our electrical hook-up points, do not use it and report it to Reception.
- Do not allow children to play around electrical hook-up points, cables or connections. Campsite Electricity also advises that children should not play around hook-up installations or supply cables.
- Electricity and water can be a dangerous combination. Please take particular care when using electrical equipment outdoors or in damp conditions.
- For the full requirements relating to 16A supply limits, electrical splitters, EV charging and generators, please refer to our Site Rules.

Fresh Drinking Water Connections

- All taps clearly signposted as drinking water provide water that is suitable for drinking. Please only use taps identified as drinking water when filling drinking-water containers or connecting your unit to the fresh-water supply.
- Only hoses, connectors and other equipment specifically suitable for fresh drinking water use should be connected to our drinking-water supply points.

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- Please keep hose ends, connectors and water containers clean and avoid allowing them to come into contact with the ground, chemical disposal equipment or other potential sources of contamination.
- Drinking-water points must not be used for washing chemical toilet equipment, waste-water containers or other contaminated items. Please use the designated facilities provided for these purposes.
- If you notice any damage, contamination, unusual appearance, taste or smell, or another concern with a drinking-water point, please stop using it and report it to Reception.

LPG and Gas Appliances

- LPG cylinders and gas appliances must be installed, stored and used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- LPG cylinders fitted to caravans or motorhomes should be securely stored in the purpose-designed cylinder locker or storage arrangement provided by the manufacturer.
- Cylinders must be kept upright and securely positioned so that they cannot fall or be knocked over.
- Gas appliances, cylinders, regulators, hoses and connections must be kept in good condition and should be appropriately inspected and maintained.
- Never use damaged gas cylinders, hoses, regulators or appliances.
- Make sure ventilation openings in caravans and motorhomes are kept clear and are not blocked. Fire service guidance advises maintaining ventilation to avoid a build-up of poisonous gases.
- If you smell gas or suspect a leak, turn off the gas supply where it is safe to do so, extinguish sources of ignition, move away from the affected area and contact Reception or an appropriately competent professional.
- Gas cylinders should be turned off when not in use. Fire safety in caravans and mobile homes advises turning gas cylinders off when they are not being used.

Pond and Water Safety

- There is a pond within the wider site which is enclosed by fencing. The pond is not intended for recreational use.
- Guests must not climb over, through or otherwise bypass the fencing surrounding the pond.
- Children must be appropriately supervised when in the vicinity of the pond and must not be allowed to enter the fenced area.
- Dogs and other pets should also be kept out of the fenced pond area.
- Please report any damaged fencing, gates or other safety concerns around the pond to Reception or a member of our team as soon as possible.

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- The pond must not be used for swimming, paddling or any other recreational activity.

Pets Around the Farm

- Dogs and other pets must be kept under appropriate control at all times, particularly around livestock, wildlife, woodland areas and site roads.
- Livestock and wildlife can behave unpredictably. Please keep pets at a safe distance and never allow them to chase, approach or disturb livestock or wildlife.
- Pets must not enter fenced livestock paddocks or other restricted areas.
- Please take particular care around livestock with young and ensure pets are kept well away.
- Be aware that woodland and countryside areas may contain uneven ground, vegetation and other natural hazards which could affect pets as well as people.
- If you have any concerns about your pet's safety around livestock or other areas of the farm, please speak to Reception.
- For the full requirements relating to leads, exercise areas, fouling, amenity blocks, barking and leaving pets unattended, please refer to our Site Rules.

Natural Hazards and the Countryside

- Cotswold View is located within a woodland and working countryside environment. Natural hazards such as tree roots, rabbit holes, molehills, uneven ground, fallen branches, mud and other naturally occurring obstacles may be present.
- Please avoid entering the woodland during adverse weather conditions. High winds, heavy rain, prolonged periods of heat or snowfall may affect trees and woodland conditions and increase the risk of falling branches or other hazards. The Forestry Commission also advises avoiding woodland during extreme weather until conditions have passed or access is considered safe.
- Please remain on designated paths and trails, follow all safety signage and wear footwear appropriate to the conditions.
- Do not climb, damage or disturb trees. Children should be closely supervised and pets kept appropriately under control while in the woodland.
- Fires and open flames are not permitted anywhere within the woodland.
- Take additional care around uneven ground, exposed tree roots, fallen branches and other natural obstacles.
- Livestock and wildlife can behave unpredictably. Keep a safe distance and ensure children are appropriately supervised.
- Never place yourself between an adult animal and its young.
- Fenced livestock paddocks and areas marked as private or restricted must not be entered unless specifically authorised by us.

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- Please dispose of litter and dog waste responsibly and help us protect the woodland and wider countryside.
- If you notice a fallen branch, damaged or unstable-looking tree, damaged fence, hole or any other hazard that you believe requires attention, keep clear of the area and report it to Reception or a member of our team.
- For the full requirements relating to livestock, wildlife, paddocks, feeding animals and gates, please refer to our Site Rules.

Emergencies and First Aid

- In a life-threatening or serious emergency, call 999 immediately and provide the emergency services with your location and as much information as possible.
- The campsite's emergency address, postcode and location information are displayed at Reception and on our fire-action notices around the campsite. Please use these details if you need to direct the emergency services to the site.
- Please notify Reception or a member of our team of any serious accident, injury or emergency on the campsite as soon as it is safe to do so.
- First aid stations are located at the Campsite Reception and The Old Shed café.
- A number of our team are trained in first aid. If you require first aid assistance, please contact Reception or The Old Shed café. In a serious or life-threatening emergency, always call 999 first.
- An AED/defibrillator is located outside the Campsite Reception, under the canopy.
- Please familiarise yourself with the location of Reception and the first aid and emergency facilities when you arrive.
- If an ambulance, fire engine or other emergency vehicle is required, please ensure site roads, entrances and access routes are kept clear.
- Guests should bring any essential medication or medical equipment they may require during their stay.
- Any accident requiring medical attention or any significant safety incident on the campsite should be reported to Reception or a member of our team as soon as reasonably possible.
- If you or a member of your party may require assistance during an emergency, please let Reception know so that we can discuss any reasonable arrangements with you.