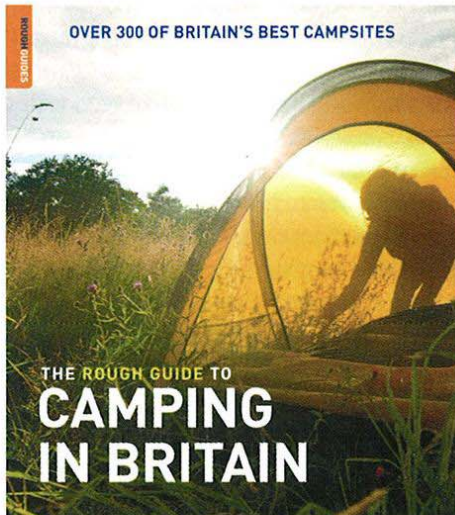


Camping cornucopia

Peter Sharpe reviews the latest new products aimed at lovers of the great outdoors

The Rough Guide To Camping In Britain

Authors: Various Publisher: Rough Guides Ltd



This Rough Guide is a regional guide which uses camping as a means by which to perform a forensic examination into what it means to be British. It isn't really aimed at the casual holidaymaker, more of a handbook for those who regard camping as a major part of their lifestyle. There is a palpable undercurrent of anti-commercialism running throughout the pages, yet this is contradicted at times by the inclusion of a fair sprinkling of semi-permanent yurts and teepees available for holiday rental.

Perhaps I am being a little unfair here, but suffice to say that if you attended Glastonbury in the 1970s, or your name is either Keith or Candice-Marie, then this book will direct you to the types of laid-back campsites that you probably prefer.

Tents are most definitely given priority and although small campervans are also approved of, caravans are referred to in whispered tones and via coded messages about hard-standings and hook-ups.

Even if you have never owned a tent, this is a beautifully produced and vibrant manual of the more esoteric and quirky corners of the British Isles; it makes you wonder why anyone

would ever want to go anywhere else and might even make you want to take up camping.

ISBN 9781848362147 RRP £16.99

Boginabag

Stop sniggering at the back! This imaginatively named product will be an essential item for anyone who has ever dreaded leaving their tent to answer an urgent call of nature on a rainy, windswept night. In fact it was such an occurrence that prompted keen camper Kate Castle to devise an easily portable solution to the problem, something far less bulky than the common Porta Potti. Kate's patented solution is lightweight, portable and hygienic; it is also remarkably simple. Included is a set of heavy duty polythene bags, designed so that the seat of the stool is completely covered when in use. The disposable bags contains special crystals, which can absorb thirty times their weight in liquid. Then, after use, they can simply be tied off and disposed of in a bin.

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