

Pitch perfect

WHERE TO PUT YOUR TENT IS VITAL TO THE ENJOYMENT OF YOUR TRIP. FOLLOW THESE TIPS TO AVOID LIGHTNING STRIKES, FLASH FLOODS OR WORSE...

HOW TO CHOOSE A CAMPSITE



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TERRA FIRMA

The single most important thing is choosing a flat spot. There's nothing worse than waking up at 4 am to find that you are sandwiched between your partner's hairy armpit and the side of the tent.

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LEAFY ROOF

Camping under trees is great as it provides extra protection from the elements. But don't ever put your tent under a lone tree on exposed terrain – lightning strikes are almost as dangerous as smelly feet.



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BE CHOOSY

Do you want to be very close to the toilets or as far away as possible? There's no right or wrong answer, but take the ablution blocks into account when choosing.

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BAD NEIGHBOURS

Now that we've dealt with what nature can throw at you, it's time to dwell on a far more dangerous foe: humans. Try to avoid neighbours with young kids or large supplies of alcohol.



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WIND CHILL FACTOR

Try to find a spot that's protected from the wind – especially if you are in the Cape. Slopes, rocks, buildings and trees can all act as barriers. But don't go for a tree that looks like it may fall over.

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ANIMAL INSTINCT

Are you in big five country and is there a big fence around your campsite? If the answers to these questions are 'yes' and 'no' (in that order), you'd best consider sleeping in your car.

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Once you've finally settled on a spot, it's a good idea to pick up any stones, twigs and thorns – punctured air mattresses are no fun.



LOCATION

Sometimes you have to ignore all the other advice and go for the spot with the best view. You only live once, hey.