

Booking your Sites

There are loads of great options for where to stay during your hire – ranging from Informal Camping to fully serviced Campsites. We're happy to answer your questions and provide the following information to help you make the most of your holiday with us.

Informal camping

This is parking up and sleeping in your vehicle overnight, at the side of the road, in a carpark or other area. It is often referred to as "wild camping". On the continent, it is permitted in designated "Aires" and if you're hiring for going abroad we'll provide you with a set of guidebooks for use during your hire so you can find the Aires.

In the UK things are a little more complicated.

You'll probably read that in Scotland for example Wild Camping is permitted. It is in general, however the term wild camping really concerns hikers in tents rather than Motorhomes and so is a bit of a grey area.

We would always recommend booking onto a Campsite.

If you're doing a bit of informal camping please make sure you are in a safe parking space. Obey the local rules (so if it says "No Overnight Camping" then move on!) and avoid parking in areas where you are likely to upset others, such as residential areas.

Please remember that the chemical toilet can only be emptied into a designated point and so you will need to book onto a campsite regularly to do this. DO NOT empty it into a public toilet.



[Motorhome Stops & Wildcamping \(wildcamping-moonfruit.com\)](http://wildcamping-moonfruit.com) provides maps and coordinates of wildcamping and pub stopovers across the UK.

Motorhome Stop Overs

If you're wanting the freedom and flexibility to just go where the feeling takes you but what to know that where you're stopping will welcome you then there are a few schemes out there that facilitate this. These are not to be confused with Campsites.

Nightstops <http://www.practicalmotorhome.com/nightstops>

This is a scheme run by Practical Motorhome. It is very similar to Brit Stops but the information is available freely online. There is usually an expectation that you will spend at the stop (eg. Have a meal in the pub or cafe) and there may be a small charge for parking overnight. Refer to each stop for terms & conditions.

Campingpubs <https://www.facebook.com/groups/372313816175910/> is a facebook group where you can get information on pubs in the UK that allow overnight stays in their carpark.

Campra – [CAMpRA UK Ltd](http://CAMpRAUKLtd.com) – [Campaign for Real Aires UK](http://CampaignforRealAiresUK.com) Campaign for Real Aires - are a campaign group dedicated to establishing real continental style aires in the UK –

Search for sites - www.searchforsites.co.uk - please be aware that some locations are user entered and may not be suitable at all for overnight stays. Read the reviews!

Campsites

If you're wanting to plan ahead or have full campsite facilities then there are loads of options.

The Camping & Caravanning Club



We provide membership for our customers at [The Camping & Caravanning Club](#). By using the privilege scheme that we provide you'll pay the same rates as members at most of their sites. Once you've chosen sites you'd like to stay at send us a message to get the discount code. We can't provide it on here in case this document gets into the wrong hands!

The Caravan & Motorhome Club

There is another national club, the [Caravan & Motorhome Club](#) (formerly the Caravan Club). They have sites up and down the country. Unfortunately they don't allow us to provide a blanket membership for our guests. Some of their sites are accessible to non-members though expect to pay more per night than a member would. Generally if you're using their sites for more than 5 nights a year it's worth joining.



Independent Sites

Alternatively there are an array of independent campsites and we recommend the following websites as a great starting point to find them and see reviews. If you're staying within the Lake District we're happy to provide recommendations of sites we've personally used and of course, guidance on which roads are accessible by motorhomes! Just get in touch and let us know where you'd like to visit.

www.searchforsites.co.uk
www.pitchup.com
www.ukcampsite.co.uk

We hope the above guide is useful. As always if you have any questions at all please send us an email and we'll do our best to help you out. info@southlakesmotorhomehire.com

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