

July 2024 Newsletter

Hello everyone!

How is your camping season going? I'm sure we're all in agreement that the weather could do with sorting itself out, but we're hoping you're still getting out and making the most of the longer days.

We certainly have been! With two more Nearly Wild Camping Experience Weekends in the last month, we have learnt how to photograph the landscape with Ben and have taken part in a weekend of sensory foraging with Emma. And we're looking forward to more - both Dave and Lucy have their weekends coming up, so read on for more information.

Happy camping!



Jay made this awesome hammock at Emma's camping location on our Nearly Wild Camping Experience Weekend with Satori a few weekends ago. He even incorporated an old tree stump into his setup to use as a shelter for his jetboil!



Introducing Day Camps

Our Experience Weekends aren't just for overnight campers. If you want to join for one - or all the days - without spending the night on-site, you can! Simply sign up for the Experience Weekend and drop us a line to let us know you won't be staying over.

Many of our locations also offer alternative accommodation for those who want a little more comfort than a tent. Check the location details for more information!

Here are the Experience Weekends we have coming up this month...

Nearly Wild Camping Experience Weekend - Woodland Survival Crafts with Dave Watson July 12th - 14th, Staffordshire

Dave Watson's Nearly Wild Experience Camp is chock-full of practical knowledge about crafting outdoors. You will learn how to make a friction fire with a bow drill, how to make quality cordage from natural materials as well as other useful campfire gadgets and a bit of carving for fun.



Nearly Wild Camping Experience Weekend - The Wild Cooke July 26th - 28th, Powys



Lucy will take us into the Welsh countryside in this Nearly Wild Camping Experience Weekend, to look for seasonal wild foods. We will discuss identification, harvesting, ethics, preservation and cooking techniques.

2024 Questionnaire - and Prizes!

We are launching our newest questionnaire! As a member-owned cooperative, we're always looking for ways to improve your camping experience and the support we can give you.

We'd really appreciate your feedback, and every completed form automatically enters you into our prize draw!

Be in it to win: a years NWC membership; official NWC merchandise including t shirts and hats; cooking boxes courtesy of Certainly Wood; merino wool blanket from Outhaus; The Green Camping Book; a £50 voucher for Base Camp Food and a suitcase BBQ from Pacmat - with more prizes being confirmed!

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The prize draw will end on the 6th October, with the prize draw winners announced shortly after!

SHOWS AND FESTIVALS

Wilderness Gathering, 15th - 18th August, Kent

"A unique Bushcraft event with a relaxed and family friendly atmosphere which is the longest running and still the original festival of bushcraft, survival and primitive living skills."



Come for a chat and meet other campers every day at 5pm on our stand!

Into the Wild, 22nd - 26th August Sussex

Into the Wild is a festival of life, celebrating nature, creativity, biodiversity, world music and community! We are the UK's number one festival, helping to support rewilding and nature recovery. Rewilding people and landscapes for a wilder future for all beings to thrive! With world music, over 200 workshops, some of the best wild craft experts in the country, an amazing kids area, great speakers, delicious food, well being area, sauna, storytelling, cabaret, and so much more.



DOWNLOADS

Don't forget, you can **download the Nearly Wild Camping passport** to record where you have been, what you did and learnt and some of your special experiences. A great way for the children (or adults) to build up their Nearly Wild Camping Club experiences and prompt new challenges. See the **downloads section** of the Community page along with **activity badges** for younger children.

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