



CANAL CAMPS 2022 CODE OF CONDUCT - COVID

This code of conduct has been prepared to follow the Government Covid guidance that it is still possible to catch Covid even if you are fully vaccinated. It is assumed that restrictions on social distancing, face covering, hand cleansing, ventilation and cleaning remain in place.

All potential restoration sites and the accommodation will have been visited to ensure that the canal camp can be run in a Covid safe way. Numbers on canal camp may be limited or the accommodation may be supplemented by volunteers camping or using their own mobile homes at the accommodation site. Eating arrangements may include the use of outside marquees.

When booking

- Before booking volunteers will be asked to carry out a personal Covid risk assessment and sign a disclaimer to say: *'I have undertaken a personal risk assessment and I understand the risk and am happy to attend the camp'*.
- Volunteers must sign up to the Code of Conduct and agree to abide by the rules.
- Payment will be taken in advance but a full refund will be given due to non-attendance thorough becoming Covid symptomatic, the Government restrictions change or the area of the site is placed in a higher level of restrictions.
- Volunteers abide by the Covid restriction rules for the area they live.
- Volunteers must provide contact details for themselves and for somebody who would need to be notified if the volunteer becomes Covid symptomatic during the camp.
- Volunteers planning to come to the camp on public transport have checked with the travel company to make sure the journey is possible.
- Volunteers must have a means for homeward travel if an outbreak of Covid occurs on the camp.
- In the event of a volunteer showing symptoms of Covid on camp you will be required to self-isolate. Do not book if a period of self-isolation will affect your paid work or activity.
- Do not book if you are not happy to follow the rules in place to reduce the risk of spreading Covid.

Before travelling

- Volunteers who are ill, showing Covid symptoms or self-isolating (or anybody else in their household) must advise the camp leader or assistant and must not travel to camp. Symptoms of Covid; elevated temperature, change in sense of taste and smell, new continuous dry cough.
- Do not travel if you have been contacted by the NHS test and trace service and have been advised to self-isolate.
- Carry out a rapid Covid test (kits are available on line or at a pharmacy see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/>). Only travel if the test result is negative. If the test result is positive, notify the camp leader that you will not be attending (**Note: you will need to bring 2 test kits with you to camp to allow testing during the camp**)./
- Arrange to travel individually or on public transport. Arrangements can be made with the camp leader for collection at rail or bus terminals.

On arrival

- On arrival wash your hands for 20 seconds using soap and warm water or sanitise your hands.
- You will be allocated a sleeping area and shown around the accommodation.
- In any shared space you must avoid close contact with those you do not usually live with. Hand sanitiser will be provided in communal areas.
- You will be provided with a personal Covid pack.



- You will be required to wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces. Your camp leader will inform you of the requirements at the accommodation.
- Depending on the work activities for the camp you may be allocated a work cohort for the duration of the camp. You will be required to mix with only your cohort during the camp.
- A camp induction and safety talk will be conducted when all volunteers are present.
- You will be advised the social arrangements for the camp. Social activities will be limited to the restrictions in place for the area of the camp.

During the camp

- Follow the rules to ensure all activities on camp are carried out in a Covid secure manner. Follow instructions about social distancing, hand cleansing, cleaning, ventilation and wearing a face covering. The rules will be explained to you in the induction and safety talk.
- Travel between the accommodation and site will be in the WRG vans and will be limited to 6 people in any van. You must use the same seat in the same van for the duration of the camp and the windows opened. If there is parking space available at the site you can travel to site in your own vehicle.
- If the camp leader is not happy that you are acting in a Covid secure way you will be asked to leave the camp. You must abide by this decision.
- If you fall ill or experience any Covid symptoms (elevated temperature, new continuous dry cough or change in sense of taste or smell) notify the camp leader. See the 'Covid on camp procedure' below
- During the camp you must carry out 2 rapid Covid tests, mid-week and at the end of camp. **You will need to bring test kits with you to camp.**
- All food will be prepared and served by the cook. The camp leader will notify the camp how many volunteers can enter the kitchen at any time. Hand sanitizer and anti-bacterial wipes will be available on catering tables.
- Lunchtime sandwiches will be prepared by the cook. Lunches will be pre-ordered and individually packed.
- You will be responsible for keeping your sleeping quarters clean and tidy. There will be enough space for you to store your work clothes separately from your social clothes.
- You may be allocated the tools you need for each days work. It will be your responsibility to clean and sanitise the tools at the start and end of the day.
- If you are asked to use items of plant ensure it is open to ventilation during use and cleaned and sanitised at the end of use.
- At the end of the camp remove all your belongings from your sleeping area and open windows and doors to allow the room to air.

After the camp

- If you experience Covid symptoms within 7 days of leaving the camp, self-isolate, get a Covid test and advise head office, who will contact other camp attendees and advise them to self-isolate.
- If the test result is positive, contact head office, who will contact other camp attendees.

Covid on Camp procedure

- Any volunteer who develops Covid symptoms must inform the camp leader.
- All volunteers on the camp will be asked to travel home and self-isolate.
- The accommodation will be cleaned before the volunteers leave.
- Volunteers should order a PCR test and inform the camp leader of any positive test results. Self-isolation must continue until the casualty provides a negative test result.
- The camp leader will inform head office who will contact the next camp leader.