

Toolbox Talk



Brewing the Tea

Brewing the tea on a WRG camp is the most important and potentially one of the most hazardous activities on a canal camp. The task should only be delegated to a suitably trained and competent person. It is an ideal first test for DofEers, (keeping the Leader lubricated ensures a good report!).

Heating the water:

On all Canal Camps there lurks a silver beast generically known as the **Burco**

In the accommodation this will be an electrically powered device. On site it will be powered by gas, which can be very temperamental to get lit and keep alight in windy conditions.

Caution; the Burco can become very hot during heating and can spout scalding water if the tap is opened without due care.



Selecting the tea bags:

Only the finest quality Builder's Tea bags should be chosen, none of this cheap supermarket own brand, fancy specialist tea like Earl Grey, or herbal stuff (don't even mention Decaf!!).

Buy in bulk because you will need a lot.

Making the tea:

Warm the pot, swill a small amount of boiling water around the pot and discard. Being very careful where the hot water is thrown, not over any other volunteers or on a surface that will become slippery when wet.

Take a decent size handful (minimum of 8 bags) when using the camp pot, but not too many that you can't get them through the top easily.

Fill the teapot with boiling water from the Burco, a second person may be needed and oven gloves are useful to hold the metal handles.

Allow the tea to brew.



Brewing the tea:

Allow the pot to stand for a decent length of time. To keep the pot and contents hot, place the filled pot on top of the Burco, having made sure that the lid is in place and the Burco lid handle does not cause the pot to be unstable.

For optimum flavor use a timer.

If you can stand a teaspoon up in the brew it is ready.

Serving the tea:

Select a cup from the brew kit and empty out any mud, twigs or other foreign matter. Give the cup a quick swill with water.

Pour the tea from the pot taking care not to burn yourself on the hot handles. Add milk to obtain the desired shade of tea.

Perform the ritual Tea Pot dance.

Enjoy, you deserve it.



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Brewing the Tea (contd)

And finally....

Check against the colour chart:



H.M. British Tea Colour Chart



OFFICIAL COLOURS



Skimmed alive



Earl gravy



Brown Zero



Tio De Janeiro



Colonel Mustard



Strip Teas



Cuppa Cabana



Mountain Chimp



Burnt Toffee



Brew Ha Ha



Midnight Savannah



Devon Tan



Nigerian Sunset



Mr Tea



Iron Brew



Peanut Safari

THE END

Please note; some parts of this toolbox talk are not to be taken literally!!!!