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For all wild camps along the North West Wilderness all of the following must be considered and carried out.

Before any overnight trip begins the guide must have checked an up to date weather forecast.

Camp site selection

The guide must take time to choose a suitable camping area for the group, they must consider;

- Weather – Is the chosen location sheltered from the wind and if the wind is strong the camping area must be away from trees and other objects overhead.
- Ground – Is the chosen area suitable ground to pitch tents on, and is the surrounding area safe for people to walk around.
- Water – Is the camping area in a suitable location for gaining access to running water.
- Toilet – Does the chosen area have a suitable location to be used as toilets. This area should not be at least 30meters from any water supplies.

Pitching tents

Once a suitable location has been found for the group to camp the guide needs to make sure all members of the group have pitched their tents suitably and they are well pegged down.

Drinking Water

The guide should point out the most suitable place to gather water from. The guide should also tell the group that water should be treated using a commercially available tested product or they can boil the water for 5 minutes before drinking.

Cooking

The guide should inform the group that cooking inside their tent is a very unsafe thing to do, and all cooking should be done outside. All cooking should be carried out on a camp stove and not open fires.