

Going Away With Licence Guidance: Tented Villages

What are tented villages?

They are generally static structures, already pitched by the venue, with general care and maintenance undertaken by the provider rather than the Leader/girls. They can be a more convenient way for busy Leaders to give girls the opportunity to sleep under canvas.

They are robust structures and usually have a wooden platform as a base and canvas sides & roof. Some places provide mattresses, otherwise girls may just lay their sleeping mats / self-inflating mattresses on top of the platform.



Tented village at Waddow Hall

Licence requirements

If your group is staying in these facilities as part of an event where catering and programme is already provided for you, then the basic [Going Away With Licence](#) (modules 1-4) is sufficient.

If you are booking these facilities independently, for example for a unit camp organised by yourself that will last two nights or more, you need to hold/be working towards:

Modules 1 to 4 - Going Away With Licence, AND

Module 5 - Organise the catering arrangements (only if you are responsible for preparing and cooking food for your group),

Module 6 - Coordinate a programme of activities for participants,

Module 7 - Organise the care and maintenance of facilities.

Assessment of Module 8 required?

Do I need to hold/be working towards Module 8 (Organise the care and maintenance of camping equipment) of the Going Away With Scheme if:

Everybody (Leaders included) is sleeping in the type of tented village with a wooden platform?

No. The provider has planned the camp layout in advance and has pitched the tents for you (they usually stay in place for the whole season). They are responsible for their maintenance, rather than the leader, so it is more akin to sleeping indoors from a Leader planning perspective (although perhaps a little more draughty!)

Many sites (such as Waddow Hall) also provide solid shelters as part of the campsite where you can store food so you don't have to pitch any tents at all.

My girls are sleeping in a tented village, but the Leaders/Young Leaders are pitching their own tents and we're taking a store tent for our food?

Yes. You will have to create a camp layout (as you're adding more tents) and you need to demonstrate that you can create a safe, fit-for-purpose camp layout.

You will also be responsible for the pitching/striking, care and maintenance of the tents you are bringing with you, skills that Module 8 specifically covers.

The tented village consists of canvas bell tents/Icelandic tents without a wooden platform?

No, as the provider is responsible for the camp layout/pitching/general care and maintenance.

However, if you are not an experienced camper, we recommend that you learn some basic camp skills before you go - such as daily maintenance tasks that may be required.

This could include:

- Looping and brailing the tent to air it every day,
- Teaching girls how to do bedding rolls if the groundsheet isn't sewn in (and what size/type of groundsheets you need to take with you), and
- Other handy hints and tips to bear in mind when sleeping in these types of tents.

Get in touch with your local Residential Adviser to arrange training for you and your girls.

If this is not possible, speak to the provider and ask them to demonstrate to everyone how to perform these simple daily tasks when you arrive.

Assessment of Going Away With Scheme modules when staying in a tented village - guidance for Residential Advisers

If a leader is running a unit camp (two nights or more) where:	Modules that can be assessed
They are attending an event (such as Wellies and Wristbands) where tented village, programme, catering is all provided	1, 2, 3, 4
No tents are being pitched, Leader is responsible for catering and programme	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Mix of tented village and tents pitched by the group to be used for sleeping (e.g. by Leaders/YLs) and/or for cooking.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Sam Mason - Residential Specialist

November 2017