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Camping and Caravan Guide in Vegetation Cover Areas



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Sometimes, life moves so fast that we forget to slow down and reconnect with what truly matters. Nature can ground us, reminding us of life's simple joys. Step away from the noise, leave the stress behind, and let the great outdoors work its magic. Out here, time feels slower, moments become richer, and peace feels tangible.

Imagine rugged mountains touching the sky, golden sands stretching endlessly, and vibrant greenery breathing life into the land. These are not just landscapes; they are invitations to rediscover your connection to the Earth and rekindle your sense of wonder.

In Saudi Arabia, camping isn't just an activity—it's a cultural tradition and a way of life. Whether it's sharing stories around a glowing campfire, sipping freshly brewed coffee, or gazing up at a sky full of stars, camping offers a rare opportunity to reflect, recharge, and reconnect with both nature and yourself.

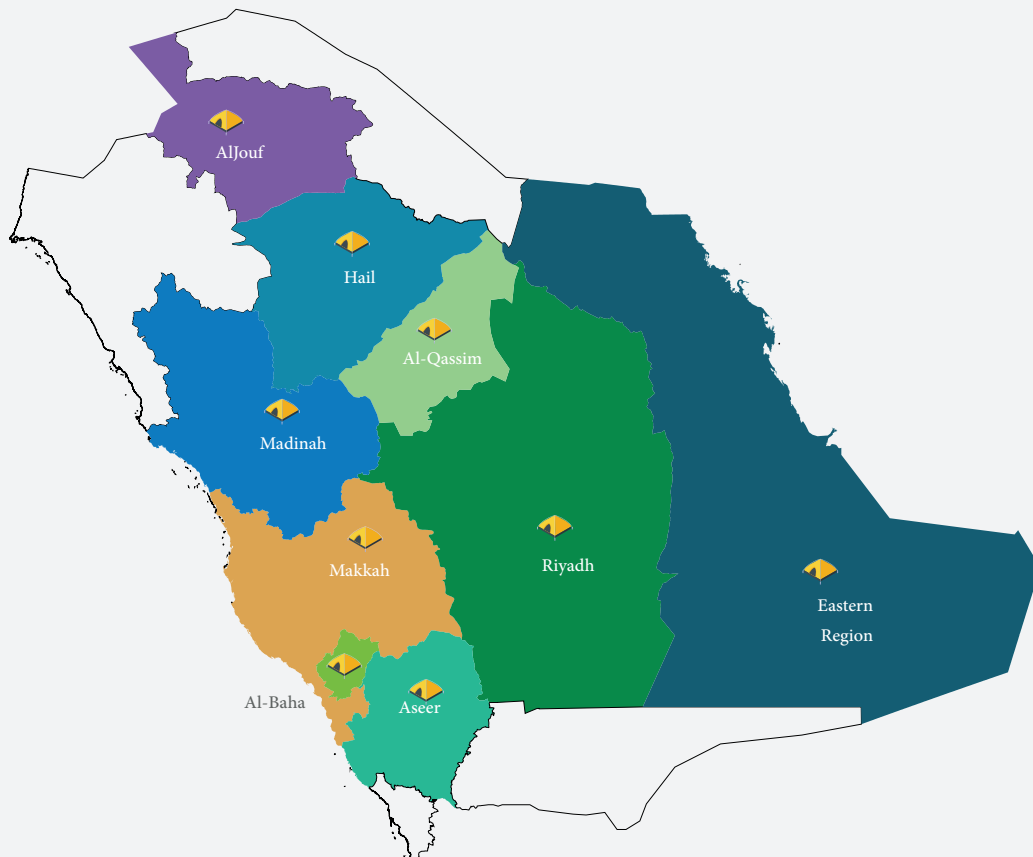
This guide is your companion for creating unforgettable outdoor experiences. From finding the best campsites, packing the essentials, embracing local customs, and staying safe, we've thought of everything to help you camp confidently. Prepare to immerse yourself in the beauty of nature, where every moment is an adventure waiting to unfold.





Camping & Caravan Locations





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Camping
Locations



Capacity



Caravan
Locations



Capacity

Riyadh

13

1,799

7

206

Makkah

5

892

4

113

Madinah

3

270

2

39

Al-Qassim

12

6,307

9

176

Hail

9

2,120

1

15

AlJouf

1

700

1

20

Eastern Region

8

3,552

6

95

Al-Baha

6

640

5

405

Aseer

2

590

3

195

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Riyadh Region



 Park	 Province	 Camping Capacity	 Caravans Capacity	 Location
Saad National Park	Rumah	448	12	Click here
Saad Sand Dunes	Rumah	500	-	Click here
Thadiq National Park	Thadiq	60	20	Click here
Al-Ghat National Park	Al-Ghat	50	20	Click here
Al-Sulabaikh National Park	Al-Ghat	6	-	Click here
Jabala National Park	Dawadmi	32	14	Click here
Aba Samri National Park	Marat	185	50	Click here
Al-Zulfi National Park	Al-Zulfi	124	40	Click here
Warat National Park	Al-Majma'ah	24	-	Click here
Shaqra Wilderness Sand Dunes	Shaqra	70	-	Click here
Al-Ghalghal and Al-Dura'i National Park	Al-Aflaj	50	-	Click here
Al-Rahmaniya Wilderness Park	Al-Kharj	50	50	Click here
Al-Ahwar Meadow	Marat	200	-	Click here

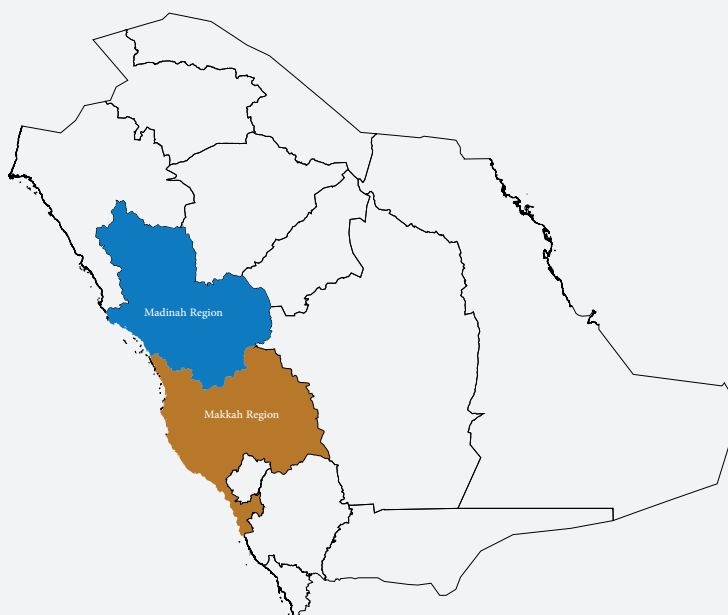
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Makkah Region

Madinah Region



 Park	 Province	 Camping Capacity	 Caravans Capacity	 Location
Al-Jumum National Park	Al Jumum	225	10	Click here
Al-Buhaita National Park	Taif	221	40	Click here
Saiysad National Park	Taif	345	50	Click here
Wadi Qudaid National Park	Jeddah	79	13	Click here
Khulais National Park	Khulais	22	-	Click here

 Park	 Province	 Camping Capacity	 Caravans Capacity	 Location
Albaidha National Park	Madinah	150	25	Click here
Aba Al-Jood Wilderness Park	Madinah	75	-	Click here
Alqa National Park	Madinah	45	14	Click here


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Al-Qassim Region



 Park	 Province	 Camping Capacity	 Caravans Capacity	 Location
Al Qassim National Park	Buraydah	712	30	Click here
Al-Ghadha Park	Unayzah	388	10	Click here
Unayzah National Park	Unayzah	407	31	Click here
Takhfa National Park	Takhfa	668	30	Click here
Al-Mutlaa Dam National Park	An Nabhaniyah	133	-	Click here
Almaniyah National Park	Al Mithnab	126	15	Click here
Al-Asyaf National Park	Al Bukayriyah	575	15	Click here
Salasil National Park	Al Bukayriyah	671	-	Click here
Al-Asyah National Park	Al-Asyah	773	15	Click here
Al Badayea National Park	Al Bukayriyah	584	15	Click here
Al-Mustawi National Park	Ash Shimasiyah	659	-	Click here
Al-Qashayea National Park	Ar Rass	611	15	Click here

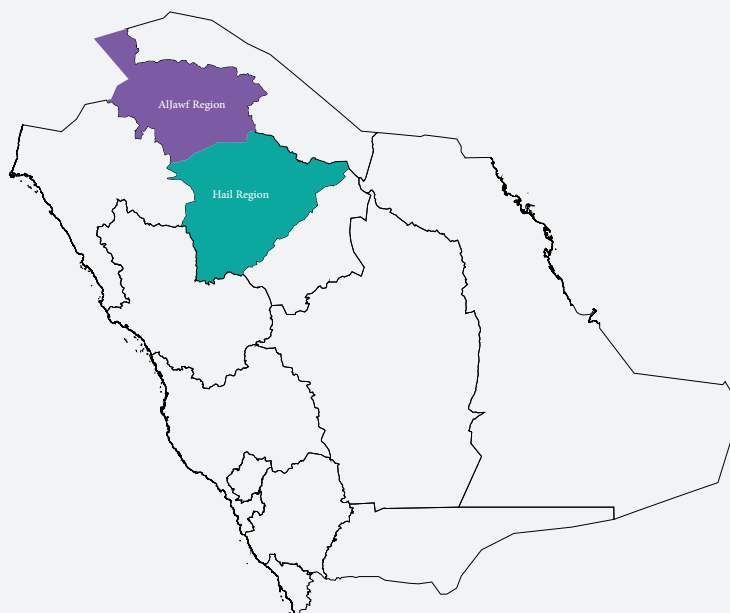
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Hail Region

AlJawf Region



 Park	 Province	 Camping Capacity	 Caravans Capacity	 Location
An Niayy Park	Ash Shinan	240	15	Click here
Ash Shinan Park	Ash Shinan	234	-	Click here
Al-Adwah Park	Ash Shinan	235	-	Click here
Al-Mualajah Park	Sumaira'a	234	-	Click here
Al Hulayfah Alualya Park	Al Hait	236	-	Click here
Wildlife Park	Baqaa	235	-	Click here
Albaidha Park	Baqaa	234	-	Click here
Gsare Ghzwar Park	Al Ghazalah	238	-	Click here
Al-Tunaib Park	Al Ghazalah	234	-	Click here

 Park	 Province	 Camping Capacity	 Caravans Capacity	 Location
Hadeeb National Park	Sakaka	700	20	Click here





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Eastern Region



 Park	 Province	 Camping Capacity	 Caravans Capacity	 Location
Al-Uyun Lake Park	Al Ahsa	342	15	Click here
Asfar Lake Park	Al Ahsa	279	15	Click here
Jubail Camps in Fadhili	Jubail	798	-	Click here
Al-Khafji National Park	Al-Khafji	767	20	Click here
Nairyah National Park	Nairyah	22	20	Click here
Hafar Al-Batin Park	Hafar Al-Batin	20	15	Click here
Naqrat Al-Sayd Park	Hafar Al-Batin	24	10	Click here
As Suairah National Park	Hafar Al-Batin	1300	-	Click here


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Al-Baha Region



 Park	 Province	 Camping Capacity	 Caravans Capacity	 Location
Nawan National Park	Al Makhwah	289	20	Click here
Wadi Khaitan Park	Baljurashi	59	-	Click here
Wadi Al-Aleeb	Al-Hajra	52	-	Click here
Qimam National Park	Baljurashi	110	175	Click here
Al-Wadi Park	Baljurashi	-	150	Click here
Al-Aqiq National Park	Al-Aqiq	80	40	Click here
Dharak National Park	Al Mandaq	50	20	Click here






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Aseer Region



 Park	 Province	 Camping Capacity	 Caravans Capacity	 Location
Tur Al Yazeed Park	Abha	230	-	Click here
Tamniah National Park	Abha	-	100	Click here
Alsharaf National Park	Tanomah	360	-	Click here
Al-Shathitha National Park	Al Namas	-	50	Click here
Al Salaf National Park	Al Namas	-	45	Click here

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How to Get Your Camping Permit?

1 Visit the Nabati Platform: nabati.ncvc.gov.sa

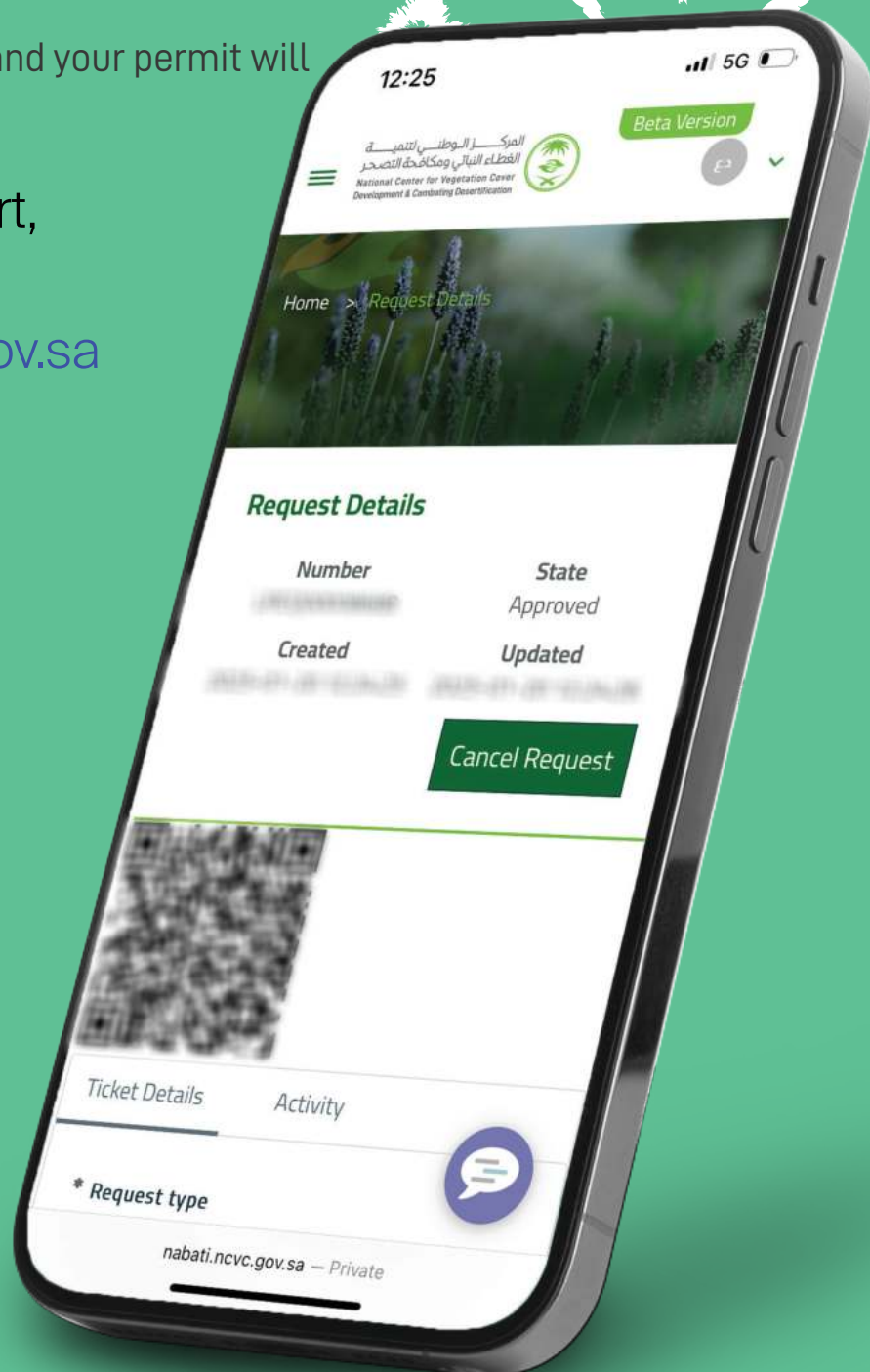


2 Select the "Request Camping license".



3 Fill out the form, hit submit, and your permit will be issued instantly.

For questions or support,
email us at
emailcamping@ncvc.gov.sa





FAQs



What's the maximum camping duration?

Up to three months.

Can I reserve multiple locations for the same date?

No, only one location can be booked per date.

What is "Location" in the tables?

These are entry points for designated camping and caravan areas.





Camping Essentials

- Make sure your permits and ID are ready
- Plan your route in advance in case you lose your phone signal
- Stay within reach, especially if you're not an experienced camper
- Avoid pitching your tent in flood-prone areas like valleys or slopes
- Double-check your gear and make sure you've packed everything you'll need for your trip
- Enable GPS location services so rescue teams can locate you in an emergency (Just in case)
- Locate your camping location and check the weather forecast
- Check your car's fuel range
- Set up camp on level ground with natural wind barriers
- Get to your spot before sunset to familiarize yourself with the area
- Inspect your car to ensure it's in top shape before you hit the road





Planning Your Trip

Pick Your Camping Friends Wisely

A great camping trip starts with the right people. Choose a group that:

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| Good character and strong values | Experience with camping and outdoor adventures |
| A positive and trusting relationship with you | Skills or qualities that add value to the trip, whether practical or meaningful |
| A calm, thoughtful, and courageous mindset | Selflessness and a fun, easygoing personality |

Prep Your Vehicle: Your vehicle is the backbone of your trip. Make sure it's in top condition:

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| Change the oil and filter if needed | Check your battery's condition | Pack a first-aid kit |
| Pack a tire-changing kit | Bring a tow rope | Bring an air pump |
| Inspect your tires and ensure the spare is good to go (don't forget to check air pressure) | Make sure all car documents (license, registration, etc.) are up-to-date | Don't leave without a flashlight |





Pack Like a Pro





General Essentials

Sleeping Gear:

- ☐ Tent, sleeping bag
- ☐ Warm blanket

Seating Essentials

- ☐ Tarp or canopy for protection from rain or wind
- ☐ Cushions or backrests for added comfort
- ☐ A fire pit base
- ☐ Lighting for the seating area
- ☐ A mat or rug for the ground



Coffee and Tea Kit Essentials

Ezzaba

- ☐ Coffee
- ☐ Tea
- ☐ Sugar
- ☐ Spices for hot drinks (like cardamom, ginger, and cloves)
- ☐ A coffee pot (Dallah) and cups
- ☐ A kettle and tea mugs
- ☐ A thermos to keep drinks hot
- ☐ Water for cleaning
- ☐ Trash bags and a small trash bin

Essential Supplies

- ☐ Water for drinking and cooking
- ☐ Oil, ghee, or butter
- ☐ Meat, chicken, or fish
- ☐ Pre-diced onions and garlic
- ☐ Fresh tomatoes
- ☐ Vegetables (optional)
- ☐ Spices (salt, black pepper, cumin, paprika, mixed spices)
- ☐ Flour
- ☐ Honey
- ☐ Bread
- ☐ Powdered milk
- ☐ Fruits
- ☐ Canned goods (tuna, beans, etc.)
- ☐ Eggs
- ☐ Chestnuts
- ☐ Snacks and chilled drinks





Cooking Gear

- ☐ Pots (large or small)
- ☐ Knife and cutting board
- ☐ Frying pan and wooden spoon
- ☐ Knives, forks, and spoons
- ☐ Disposable plates and cups
- ☐ Dish soap and sponge
- ☐ Portable gas stove
- ☐ Can opener
- ☐ Table cover

Car Essentials

- ☐ Spare car key
- ☐ Flashlight
- ☐ Air pump and tire pressure gauge
- ☐ Emergency car light
- ☐ Tow rope
- ☐ Power inverter for charging devices
- ☐ Fire extinguisher
- ☐ Shovel
- ☐ Offline maps or GPS for off-road trips

Grilling Tools

- ☐ Camping stove and lighter
- ☐ Grill rack
- ☐ Cooler for frozen or perishable foods
- ☐ BBQ mesh
- ☐ Firewood or imported charcoal
- ☐ Matches
- ☐ Fire starters
- ☐ Aluminum foil
- ☐ BBQ tongs

Clothing

- ☐ Sturdy hiking boots
- ☐ Warm or wool clothing
- ☐ Wool socks
- ☐ Jacket or a cozy fur-lined cloak
- ☐ Quick-dry shirts
- ☐ Hat and sunglasses

Hygiene Supplies

- ☐ Water container
- ☐ Toothbrush and toothpaste
- ☐ Towel
- ☐ Wet wipes and tissues
- ☐ Toilet paper





Personal Care

- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Lip balm
- ☐ Skin moisturizer

Entertainment

- ☐ Portable speaker
- ☐ Book or novel
- ☐ Pre-downloaded movies or shows
- ☐ Binoculars

Safety Gear

- ☐ First-aid kit
- ☐ Any necessary medications
- ☐ Mosquito repellent

Extras

- ☐ Pocket knife
- ☐ Spare batteries
- ☐ Power bank
- ☐ Camera



For Group Trips

Seating Setup

- ☐ Canopy or tarp for shade
- ☐ Comfortable cushions
- ☐ A large rug or mat
- ☐ Board games
- ☐ Card games
- ☐ Frisbee
- ☐ Football or volleyball





Safety Guidelines



Sand Trapping

If your car gets stuck in the sand, start by giving the gas pedal a light push. If the car moves forward, you're good to go. If it doesn't budge, it's clear that you're sand-trapped



What to Do if Your Car Gets Sand Trapped

Stop the car and step out to assess the situation. Check how deeply your tires are buried and plan your next move

Lower your tire pressure to 10–15 psi and switch to low-range (4WD) for better traction

Ease onto the gas pedal gently. Avoid sudden or hard accelerations—smooth, steady pressure works best

If that doesn't work, try placing boards, mats, or anything sturdy under the tires for extra grip. You can also dig a path for the wheels. Rock the car back and forth in small movements to build momentum

If none of this works and the situation gets worse, stop trying. Don't dig yourself in deeper—wait for help or find someone nearby who can assist





Desert Survival

Common Reasons for Getting Lost or Stranded The most common causes of getting lost or stranded in the desert include:

- 1 Heading into the desert without a solid plan
- 2 Traveling with only one vehicle
- 3 Lack of knowledge about the terrain and surroundings
- 4 Not carrying a GPS device
- 5 No access to satellite communication equipment
- 6 Not bringing enough food and water to sustain the trip
- 7 Choosing to walk during the heat of the day
- 8 Not knowing how to recover a stuck vehicle
- 9 Panic or psychological stress caused by fear of the situation
- 10 Failing to inform family or friends of your plans and location
- 11 Using a vehicle that hasn't been properly checked or prepared
- 12 Pre-existing health conditions like diabetes, heart issues, or high blood pressure
- 13 Poor physical fitness or stamina
- 14 Not confirming network coverage in the area
- 15 Traveling without someone experienced in desert navigation
- 16 Inexperience with off-road driving
- 17 Driving at night without understanding the terrain or directions
- 18 Having an inexperienced trip leader who can't handle emergencies





Desert Survival

What to Do if You Get Stranded in the Desert

Stay calm and don't panic. Keeping a clear head is essential

Check your water and food supplies, and ration them carefully to make them last as long as possible

Look around for anything edible, like plants or small animals, if absolutely necessary

Inspect your car to figure out the problem. If it's something you can fix, do it; if not, don't waste energy

If your car can't be repaired, take off a tire and burn it each morning to create a visible smoke signal for rescuers

Break off the car's side mirrors and use them to reflect sunlight towards planes or people in the distance

Stay out of the sun entirely and avoid physical activity during the hottest parts of the day

Get your bearings and think about the nearest place with network coverage or landmarks that could help you navigate

Use rocks or anything you can find to create a giant SOS on the ground so it's visible to rescue teams from the air





Tips to Avoid Getting Stranded

| Always travel with someone experienced in desert navigation and survival

| Pack enough food and water for your group—and bring extra

| Check all your navigation tools and equipment before starting your trip

| Travel with at least two vehicles for added security

| Ensure everyone in your group is in good health before setting out

| Inform family or friends of your route and estimated return time

| Learn basic desert survival skills to prepare for emergencies

| Have a clear emergency plan in case something goes wrong



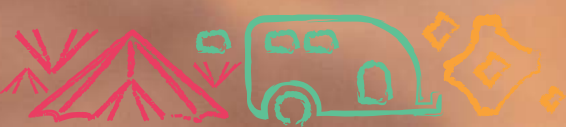


Sand Trapping Can Be Very Dangerous

Sand trapping is extremely dangerous for those who aren't experienced or who attempt it at the wrong time or in the wrong place



It's also not something essential to enjoy the desert



Key Camping Tips





Understanding Camping Lingo

Safi

Light sand drifts across the desert with the wind, especially near highways

Ma'ameel

Your coffee and tea kit. Some people also use this word for cooking gear

Ezzaba

Your go-to camping kit bag — packed with all your cooking, food, and coffee supplies

Farwa

A cozy fur-lined cloak to keep you warm when the desert night gets chilly

Sleeping Mat

Your traditional desert bedroll — often called a "Campbell"

Dhiraya

Metal sheets placed around the fire to keep the wind from putting it out while cooking

Riwaq / Shira'a

A thick fabric used to create a windbreak or add some privacy around your campsite





Choosing the Right Tent



Desert Tents

Light and sand-proof, perfect for the dunes



Beach Tents

Moisture-resistant and secure in coastal winds



Mountain Tents

Sturdy and insulated for cold, windy terrains



Traditional Tents

Spacious and timeless, ideal for extended stays



Canopies

Quick to set up and great for short trips or shade





Campfire Cuisine



Breakfast Favorites

- Shakshuka: Eggs simmered with tomatoes, onions, spices, and served with fresh bread
- Foul (Fava Beans): Fava beans mixed with olive oil, spices, tomatoes, and onions, paired with warm bread
- Marasee'/Masabee' (Traditional Pancakes): Soft pancakes made with eggs, flour, powdered milk, yeast, turmeric, and topped with honey
- Dry Food and Canned Options: Cream cheese, cheese cubes, tuna, honey, labneh, za'atar, and more
- Sauteed Liver (Kibda): Pan-seared liver with onions, bell peppers, spices, and a splash of oil



Lunch & Dinner

- Kabsa: Spiced rice with chicken or lamb
- Grilled Meats: Easy, flavorful, and perfect for sharing
- Muqalqal: Quick-cooked meat stew with spices



Snacks

- Qurs (Flatbread): A traditional flatbread made with whole wheat flour, ghee, and yeast, with optional extras
- Karak Tea: A spiced tea blend with evaporated milk, sugar, cardamom, and cloves
- Ginger Milk: A comforting warm drink made with tea, milk, sugar, and a kick of fresh ginger
- Hanini: A hearty mix of whole wheat flour, dates, butter, and water, perfect for energy
- Roasted Potatoes: Oven-roasted potatoes stuffed with cheese and sweet corn
- Chestnuts (Abu Farwa): Delicious roasted chestnuts, ideal for a cozy snack





Leave No Trace

- | Only light fires in designated areas
- | Respect wildlife and leave plants undisturbed
- | Pack out everything you pack in—including trash
- | Leave your campsite better than you found it
- | Keep noise levels low to preserve the peace





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