

# How to Set Up Your CAMPSITE

WHEN TREKKING IN THE WILDERNESS  
AVOID ACCIDENTS, UNSAFE WATER, AND SURPRISE VISITS FROM HUNGRY CRITTERS

**A** **Camp close to a water source — but not too close.**

- 1 You'll need to carry water for drinking, cooking, & washing up.
- 2 Camp at least 200 feet away. Don't pollute the stream with wastewater.
- 3 Use a water filter to purify the water before drinking or using it.

**B** **Create the Bear Triangle.**  
3 areas for activities that attract animals:

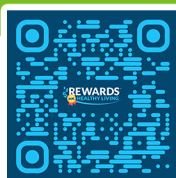
- 1 Cooking
- 2 Dumping wastewater from dishes & toothbrushing
- 3 Storing food & toothpaste

**C** **Keep your food (and body) safe.**

- 1 Use a bear-proof bag or canister to avoid attracting bears and other creatures.
- 2 If possible, keep the bear bag off the ground so it's harder for animals to reach.
- 3 Never store food in your tent when you're in bear country.

**D** **Sleep safe and sound.**

- 1 **Tents:** Away from the Bear Triangle — and the path of a hungry bear
- 2 **Anything smelly:** Inside the Bear Triangle or hung in a tree
- 3 **If you hear a bear at night:** Sing a song — it will help scare them away. Then sleep tight!



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