



Different fire regulations apply for YORKE PENINSULA COUNCIL and INNES NATIONAL PARK



YORKE PENINSULA COUNCIL CAMPGROUNDS

Can I have a camp fire in a Council camp ground?

During fire danger season – YES, provided you adhere to Council regulations – briefly that means that the fire is in a 30 centimetre trench no more than one square metre in area and that you have a four metre cleared space around and above the fire. A responsible person must be in attendance at all times with water or other extinguishing agent on hand.

On total fire ban days? – NO, fines apply.
IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO BE AWARE OF THE BANS OR RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE ON A DAILY BASIS

During winter (non-fire danger season)? – YES, provided you adhere to Council Regulations – briefly that means that the fire is in a 30 centimetre trench no more than one square metre in area and that you have a four metre cleared space around and above the fire. A responsible person must be in attendance at all times with water or other extinguishing agent on hand.

Can I have a gas barbecue at my camp site in a Council camp ground?

During Fire Danger Season – YES, provided the barbecue is within 15 metres of a dwelling or coastal foreshore.

SEVEN BASIC RULES FOR BUILDING A SAFE CAMP FIRE

- * Camp fires should only be lit in cleared areas where there are no overhanging branches and minimal grass and scrub
- * Ensure camp fire is a safe distance from tents and that any other equipment is well away from it, especially flammable items such as gas cylinders and fuel cans
- * Where possible use a fireplace such as a barbeque pit or build a surround out of large rocks
- * Never use any kind of flammable liquid – even when you are trying to start the fire
- * Have a bucket of water and shovel nearby
- * **NEVER** leave a campfire unattended
- * Put your camp fire out with a good amount of **water**, not sand or dirt – if you use sand or dirt it will still be very hot for more than eight hours – if you use water, it will be less than 50°C in ten minutes

INNES NATIONAL PARK

NOTE: Innes National Park EXTENDS TO THE LOW WATER MARK ON THE BEACH

Can I have a camp fire in Innes National Park?

Wood fires and solid fuel fires are prohibited between 1st November and 30th April (dates may vary - check with the park to confirm). Gas and liquid fuel fires are permitted on days other than total fire bans.

On total fire ban days? – NO – fines apply.
IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO BE AWARE OF THE BANS OR RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE ON A DAILY BASIS

During winter (non-fire danger season)? – YES - camp fires must not be left unattended and may only be lit in designated sites.
COLLECTION OF FIREWOOD IN INNES NATIONAL PARK IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

CAMP FIRES ARE NOT PERMITTED IN ANY OTHER NATIONAL PARK, CONSERVATION PARK OR RESERVE WITHIN YORKE PENINSULA

SOME BASIC RULES

IT IS THE INDIVIDUAL'S RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE THEMSELVES AWARE OF ANY FIRE BANS OR RESTRICTIONS ON A DAILY BASIS.

Remember: Campfires and barbecues cause extensive damage if not properly extinguished. Embers can smoulder for several days igniting nearby scrub. Please ensure fires are extinguished before leaving your camp.

On total fire ban days the lighting of all fire, gas, solid or liquid fuel appliances, generators and lanterns is strictly prohibited until midnight on the night of the fire ban day.

AT YOUR CAMPSITE

- Plan safe access and escape routes
- Find a flat site with a cleared area that is not on a hilltop
- Identify your nearest safer location to go to in case of a fire
- Avoid driving over long grass as hot exhaust pipes can ignite grass
- Monitor local conditions. Watch for signs of smoke and ACT EARLY
- On Total Fire Ban days, you must not use a portable barbeque. Stoves can be used inside caravans
- Turn off lanterns and extinguish fires and candles before bed

While the CFS enforces state wide restrictions during the fire danger season, DEWNR places further restrictions on National Parks. On days of catastrophic fire danger, Innes National Park may be evacuated and closed.

Generally the FIRE DANGER SEASON on Yorke Peninsula extends from 15th November until 30th April but dates can vary depending on the season, so check with the Council or on the CFS website.

USEFUL CONTACTS AND RESOURCES ...

If you see, or accidentally start, a fire burning out of control report it by dialling 000.



Yorke Peninsula Council **Fire Prevention Officer**
- telephone 0488 558828

Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources at **Innes National Park** – telephone 88543200 or visit the DEWNR website on www.environment.sa.gov.au/firemanagement

CFS BUSHFIRE INFORMATION - to find out if there is a Total Fire ban in place:

- Check the CFS website: www.cfs.sa.gov.au
- Call the Bushfire Information Hotline on 1300 362 361 (TTY 133 677)

Visit www.cfs.sa.gov.au and click on the button as shown below, on their home page, for information on where to shelter if there is a bushfire.



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