

Barwon Coast Caravan Parks Campfire Trial rules

Background

Barwon Coast Committee of Management Inc. (Barwon Coast) will be undertaking a 'dog and campfires trial' starting in the off-peak camping season; 12 June 2025 – 12 September 2025. The trial is in response to client feedback and intends to find a balanced approach to the feedback received as well as building site occupancy in a low demand period. The following rules provide information on when and how campfires may be brought into Barwon Coast caravan parks.

Scope

The following rules apply only to Barwon Heads Caravan Park and Riverview Family Caravan Park. Portable fire pits, and fires generally, are not permitted at Breamlea Caravan Park.

Campfires and fire pits on other Crown Land managed by Barwon Coast falls under the relevant Victorian or Local government legislation and rules. These guidelines do not supersede any other legislation regarding fires.

Campfire Trial Rules

1.0	Guests must notify and discuss the prospect of portable fire pits being brought into a Barwon Coast caravan park prior to their arrival. Reservation must be made directly with each park; campfire sites cannot be booked online.
1.1	Portable fire pits are only permitted during the trial period advertised. The trial period may be altered at Barwon Coast's sole discretion. Note that Barwon Coast does not provide the portable fire pits, guests are to bring their own.
1.2	Fire pit sites are not available all year round. During the trial period, a limited number of these sites (not the whole park) will be made available at each caravan park and are subject to availability at any particular time.
1.3	From time to time, due to operational requirements or grounds maintenance, each caravan park may need to alter the available sites or total number of fire pit sites.
2.0	Guests that are permitted to occupy a site identified for fire pits must be aware of, and observe the following:
a	Only properly constructed raised fire pits are permitted, such as braziers, chimineas, or steel fire pits. The fire pit must be a minimum of 300mm from the ground and no more than 500mm wide. Fire pits must also be positioned within 3m of the road and have clearance surrounding and above the fire pit of 2m.
b	The campfire cannot be left unattended at any time and children should be supervised around the campfire. If you're heading out, put it out.

c	In the event of a Total Fire Ban being declared by the CFA, portable fire pits cannot be lit.
d	Campfires can only be lit within the identified zone and on sites that have been assigned for that purpose.
e	Campfires must be extinguished, using water, by 11:00pm each night. Last logs on at 10pm.
f	To avoid risk from embers, campfires must not be used on days of high wind or strong wind gusts. If leaves are moving around in the wind, do not light the fire.
g	Ashes from fire pits must be removed from the campsite and disposed of in the metal bins provided. Ashes should not be placed in garden beds or around vegetation.
h	Firewood must be contained within the fire pit. No pieces should hang out from the fire pit. Please avoid burning wood containing nails.
i	Vegetation from within the caravan park must not be burnt in the fire pit. We strongly discourage firewood collection. See more at: https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood/firewood-collection-in-your-region
j	Chainsaws, splitters, tomahawks or any other type of axe are not permitted within the caravan park.
k	Only dry and non-treated wood can be burnt in fire pits. Likewise, rubbish and other waste should be placed in bins provided and not burnt in the fire pit.

3.0	Permit Sites
	Fire pits or campfires are not permitted on a permit site at any Barwon Coast caravan park at any time throughout the year, including the trial period. A permit site is a camping site, the occupancy of which, is conditional on a 12-month or seasonal permit being issued.