Daytime Camping

Overview

Transform your outdoor space into a daytime camping adventure! Children can build pretend campsites and create campfire stories.



Activities

Create a pretend campsite outdoors using tarpaulins, blankets, sticks and natural materials.
Encourage children to work together to build dens or shelters, gather "campfire" materials, spot wildlife and invent camping stories.
Add simple role play props such as torches, maps, binoculars, cups or picnic items to extend the play.
Adults can support the children's ideas while allowing the adventure to develop naturally through imagination and exploration.

Equipment

- Blankets, sheets, nets
- Pegs, bungees, clips
- Large sticks, logs, stones
- Maps, back packs, hats
- flask, snacks, hot chocolate.

Key Questions

Where will you build your campsite?
What do you need to survive on your adventure?
Who could you discover outdoors?
What can you eat?

Learning Outcomes

Children develop confidence through role play and shared experiences, while exploring the natural world through storytelling. The activity also encourages resilience, curiosity, and creativity as children build, pretend and take part in imaginative outdoor experiences inspired by real-life camping adventures.

Progression in Learning

- If confident, the staff can introduce safe fire activities, like baking stick bread, or cooking marshmallows.
- What would you need to do to make your campsite weatherproof?