

Expedition Training

Choosing a Camp Site and Initial Activities

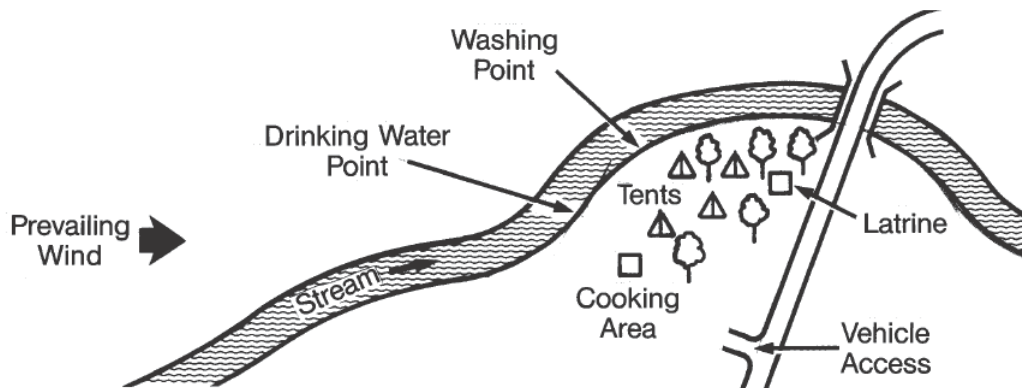
Choosing a Camp Site

The choice of an ideal camp site should take account of the following points:

1. Shelter from the prevailing wind, on a well drained fairly level site facing the morning sun.
2. Away from houses.
3. Close to a good water supply.
4. In the open rather than under trees.

Having chosen a site the camp should be laid out in accordance with the following principles:

1. Tents to be correctly pitched in a sheltered area.
2. Cooking area to be conveniently close to tents but not too close in case of fire.
3. Latrines to be downwind and away from the tent site and the cooking area, and well concealed.
4. Where there is running water, a drinking water point upstream from a washing water point.
5. Vehicle access available if possible.



Initial Activities at a Camp Site

The essential initial activities to be undertaken at a camp site are listed below, normally in the order of priority shown.

1. Erection of tents.
2. Construction of a fire.
3. Preparation and cooking of a meal.
4. Construction of a latrine.
5. Construction of a refuse pit.

