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Wildcamping Map & POI User Guide

Now 6,850 places throughout England, Wales, Scotland and Isle of Man in this new release!

NEW! Locations known to have access restrictions will have their names enclosed in square brackets e.g. [CR North Wallop (Wallopshe)]

It is highly advisable with such locations to check them out with Google Earth, Autoroute or the Wild Camping app before travelling. The description will tell you what the restriction comprises – it may advise use by smaller vehicles and/or it may advise to approach from a specific direction.

The POIs are provided as **Wild Camp** and **Pub Stop** files – there being 6,313 wild camping locations and 537 pub stopover spots.

Please note that also included within this release is a POI file that will help you find taps from which you can obtain drinking water. There are 596 places listed, and we'd like to build this number quickly! **So if you can help boost this number from your own knowledge, please post in the 'Water POI Locations' forum** here <http://www.wildcamping.co.uk/forums/water-poi-locations/>

IMPORTANT: Note that this is a **REPLACEMENT** for all the information you may have already downloaded. **Remember that some locations have been DELETED.**

There are **Wild Camping apps** available for both Apple and Android smartphones and tablets. Please read more about them here:

<http://www.wildcamping.co.uk/forums/wild-camping-applications/43019-android-ipad-iphone-wild-camping-app-version-2-a.html>

Many people use the **maps.me app** with offline mapping on their smart devices. If so there's an easy way to load the POI information. Have a look at this thread:

<https://www.wildcamping.co.uk/forums/poi-file-help-and-support/53395-using-poi-kml-files-maps-me-maps-me.html>

If you wish to download the POIs manually for use with satnav's please read on ...

The file that you download is compressed to save space by using WinZip.

Zip files can be 'unzipped' in Windows itself using Windows Explorer.

Alternatively download and install a freeware product such as 7-Zip and use that instead. 7-Zip can be found at <http://www.7-zip.org>

If you are an Apple user, this may help with the unzipping process:
<http://www.macupdate.com/info.php/id/22774/the-unarchiver>

Contents

Included are three files called Pub Stop.bmp, Tap.bmp and Wild Camp.bmp which may be useful as icons to use on your satnav.

Included are Wild Camp, Pub Stop and Tap files for use with Tom Tom and Garmin satnav devices, each in an appropriately named folder.

A Google Earth folder contains the same data for Google Earth.

In the Wild Camp POI files, each entry is categorised by prefixing the wild camping location description as follows:

CR - car park rural

CU - car park urban

LR - layby rural

LU - layby urban

OR - other rural location

OU - other urban location

In the Pub Stop POI files you will find the following:

PH - pub stopover

And in the Tap POI files you will the following:

WS – water standpipe (this may be outside or inside a building)

WT – water toilet (water available from a basin tap, for example)

*Note that some of the WS entries are labelled with **(ask)**. Please seek permission before using ...*

For Wild Camping locations the prefixes are particularly useful on a satnav to help you choose a location that is suitable for you.

The prefix is followed by a nearby place name.

All descriptions have the county name appended.

If it's a pub stopover, the description includes the pub name after the location name.

If a wild camping location is accessed from a dual carriageway, the description includes the direction of travel for access.

Comments have been added where useful. These are accessible using the Wild Camping apps and Google Earth.

For example, the comments contain information about:

- Places that charge
- Access restrictions
- Pub phone numbers
- Toilet facilities
- Tap location
- A TinyURL or Google link to the Streetview image where available

All the GPS positions have been confirmed using Google Maps.

Basic Help - Loading the data

To load POI's into your satnav you should seek guidance from the help provided with the device. There follows some guidance for the more common devices.

TomTom

For TomTom devices you should do the following:

Copy the files in the TomTom folder to the appropriate folder on the device where you find other POI files - this you can do either using Windows Explorer (recommended), or by using Tom Tom Home (refer to Tom Tom Home help to find out how to do it this way).

This website may be of help too - http://www.tomtomfree.com/Install_POI.htm

For the most recent TomTom devices which use 'Add Community Content' to load POIs, take a look at this link: <http://www.wildcamping.co.uk/forums/poi-file-help-support/22902-loading-pois-tomtom-using-add-community-content.html>

NB TomTom files also install on CoPilot which is available for iPhone, Android and Windows Mobile phones.

Garmin

If you have a Garmin, take a look here - <http://www.poi-factory.com/node/24522>

More information can be found here <http://www.wildcamping.co.uk/forums/poi-file-help-support/12541-garmin-nuvi-poi-installation.html>

It's important to remember that you MUST use POI Loader to load each set of POI data individually e.g. three times to load all three sets of POIs. Once for the Pub Stops, once for the Wild Camp POIs, and once for the Tap POIs. If you try and do them together, you'll end up with just the one set of POIs with all the places included.

Google Earth

To use the Google Earth file is easy - **ensure that you have downloaded and installed Google Earth.** Then use File, Open and select the appropriate .KML file in the Google Earth folder, or double click the .KML file to launch Google Earth.

The wild camping spots should then appear under 'Temporary Places', and appear as custom pushpins, on the Google Earth view. There are lots and lots of them! (The pushpins used are standard Google pushpins – a tent symbol for Wild Camping locations, a knife and fork symbol for Pub Stop locations, and a wave symbol for Tap locations.

If you click on individual waypoints, you will find that some of them have additional information shown.

For wild camping locations and pub stops, most places have a link that will show you the site using Google Streetview.

The links to these have been created using TinyURL or Google which reduces the length of the link to just a few characters (the original links are much, much longer ...). Just click on the link in Google Earth and it will appear in a window, or copy and paste the TinyURL or Google URL into your web browser ...

For more detailed advice, go here <http://www.wildcamping.co.uk/forums/poi-file-help-support/12549-google-earth-poi-installation.html>

Advanced Help & Troubleshooting

There's a wealth of information and tips, much more comprehensive than that given above, in the POI File Help and Support Forum which can be found here www.wildcamping.co.uk/forums/poi-file-help-support/

This thread <http://www.wildcamping.co.uk/forums/poi-file-help-support/12540-what-do-i-do-new-release.html> is well worth a read if you're struggling ...

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Thank You ☺

To all the members of Wild Camping For Motorhomes for providing the information and helping to keep it all up-to-date.

Keep 'em coming!