



Information Sheet 4.

THE ASSOCIATION OF CARAVAN & CAMPING EXEMPTED ORGANISATIONS

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CARAVAN RALLIES IN NATIONAL PARKS

Should your club wish to rally in a National Park you will need to apply well in advance.

Application may not be made directly to the relevant authority as the Parks limit the number of organisations with whom they are prepared to enter into discussion.

Application for rallies in National Parks is just one of the services made available to Member Organisations by ACCEO

Perhaps the most important point is that early planning of your annual programme is essential. Your application must be with the ACCEO National Parks Liaison Officer by April/May of the preceding year (see below).

Whilst every effort will be made to obtain clearance for your rally please be aware that this may not always be possible. With the increase in the number of clubs wishing to rally in National Parks, some refusals do occur. The following may however assist you towards a successful application: -

- Wherever possible think in terms of a five (or less) day rally. - It is not the policy of ACCEO to apply for extended rallies in National Parks.

Experience has shown that these are unlikely to succeed. *Explanation:-*

*The Parks Authorities now approve those extended rallies that have been held annually for a number of years **only**, - as and when they are dropped from the schedule they are not reinstated.*

Applications for "new" extended rallies invariably meet with refusal.

- Select a site which is not over-rallied.
Applications may fail if rallies fall on successive weekends, or if a site is rallied more than four or five times a year.
- Be aware that applications to rally on fields adjacent to or, associated with a commercial site may be viewed with disfavour.
The authorities might see these as a means by which the operator is seeking to go beyond the number of units for which the site is licensed.
You may however arrange to meet on such a site provided that the licensed number is not exceeded.
- Do not seek to rally on Certified Sites or Certificated Locations.
- If close to the edge of a National Park check your location carefully.
Sometimes a move to a nearby field will avoid the need for application.
The boundaries of National Parks are shown on Ordnance Survey maps. If in doubt contact the ACCEO Liaison Officer.
- To apply for a rally in a National Park contact the ACCEO National Parks Liaison Officer, via the link on www.acceo.org > **Contact us**; or by writing to ACCEO, who will send you the appropriate form.

Completed forms should be returned to the ACCEO National Parks Liaison Officer at the address there upon. You will need to provide details as to landowner, rally officers, site, map reference, rally dates and financial arrangements. Please note that your Club Secretary, not the Rally Officer, must sign the form.

- Above all, apply early! ACCEO closing dates for applications are as follows: -

Yorkshire Dales, North Yorkshire Moors, Lake District, Peak District	1 st April preceding year
All Other National Parks	1 st May preceding year