

Lower Keats Guide to Being Green

It is important to us that Lower Keats continues to be an environmentally friendly business. We care deeply about our little slice of paradise and try hard to increase its biodiversity and sustainability, but we need your help. Here are our top tips on how you can protect our site during your stay.

Conserve Energy

Our luxury safari tents have solar-powered lighting, along with wind up lamps in the living areas and solar lighting on the paths. Our honesty shop lighting is powered by low-level LEDs, which switch off automatically when the shop is vacant, but please be sure to swiftly close the fridge and freezer doors in this space. If you are using your wood-fired stove, please help us further conserve energy by making sure that all the tent doors are laced and zipped - there's no need to waste the heat provided by our locally seasoned logs.

Save Water

Water is already a vital resource, but with our warming climate, it is even more important that we take measures to conserve it. Please be water-wise during your stay at Lower Keats. Turn off taps and, where possible, try to take shorter showers. (Did you know that a five-minute shower uses around forty litres of water?) We're doing our bit, too. All our showers and kitchen taps have eco-aerated heads and our toilets are dual flush. Soon, we will also collect rainwater from our large barn, so that it can be used to water our plants and wash muddy boots and paws.

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

We're proud that many of the facilities at Lower Keats have been created from upcycled materials to give them a new lease of life - see if you can spot them during your stay. To help guests with recycling onsite, we have provided extensive recycling facilities in the car park, and encourage guests to use our honesty shop, which is stocked with artisan, local products, with low food miles and no unnecessary packaging.

Shop Local

Our honesty shop is full of local, artisan products, plus meals, meat, and eggs which are all home-grown on our farm. It's important to us that we support local businesses so where possible, please consider purchasing your supplies from our shop. We have a fantastic range of food, drinks, and arts and crafts. Shopping with us reduces food miles, boosts the local economy, and helps our community. If you want to support local producers offsite, please ask us about local markets and/or browse your Lodge Information Pack, which has plenty of information on this.

Respect the Environment

Lower Keats is situated in a beautiful area, and we'd like to keep it that way. Please familiarise yourself with the [Countryside Code](#). Dispose of cigarettes and litter responsibly and recycle where possible, close gates, and do not light fires outside of our specially designated areas. To minimise disturbance to local wildlife, please keep dogs on leads when they are not in our designated dog exercise field and do be sure to pick up after them.

Eco-friendly Cleaning

Even after passing through water treatment plants, the chemicals from many everyday cleaning products still find their way into our rivers and seas, causing problems for aquatic life. Luckily, at Lower Keats, all our wastewater and sewage is dealt with onsite. To keep the bacteria in our septic tank happy, we use eco-friendly cleaning products, such as Ecover, and encourage our guests to use the natural Oleo products supplied in our safari tents.

Support Green Businesses

Happily, like us, many businesses are working to reduce their carbon footprint and be greener. Please support them where you can. We're happy to suggest environmentally friendly businesses in the local area and if you want to find out more, please visit the [Green Tourism Business Scheme website](#).

Tourism Gold Award

In June 2023 we were awarded the Tourism Gold Award, this internationally respected accreditation scheme has helped thousands of businesses get greener, saving them money and making a real difference to the environment. Only a few glamping sites hold the Gold accolade! Read more about our sustainability policy and pledge [here](#) and learn more about our green efforts here at Lower Keats.