

Welcome to Cockatoo Island's campground

The Harbour Trust acknowledges the Traditional Custodians and Owners of the lands, waters, and sky of Sydney Harbour. Cockatoo Island connects to the waterways and homelands of the Wallumedegal, Wangal, Cammeraygal and Gadigal peoples, who know it as Wareamah. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present, and emerging.

Cockatoo Island's waterfront campground is an opportunity to relax under the stars, in the heart of the world's best harbour. For a safe and enjoyable stay, please familiarise yourself with the information on this page.

Important information

1. Rangers and security

Cockatoo Island is patrolled by friendly rangers and security personnel. They are committed to ensuring public safety, enjoy assisting newcomers and return visitors alike, and are the best point of contact for lost property. As part of their duties, rangers and security are empowered to enforce the island's rules and regulations.

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

Dial **000** or **112** if reception is poor. Advise the operator you are on Cockatoo Island, Sydney Harbour and explain the nature of the incident.

Also inform a Ranger or Security of the incident:

- Ranger 0434 652 153 (7am-4pm)
- Security 0433 632 791 (4pm-7am)

2. Wet weather

Our tents are made from heavy-duty canvas; however, some water may enter the tent during heavy rain. During wet weather, please ensure all windows and doors are firmly zipped up and equipment is moved away from the walls. The air vent at the top of the tent should be left open slightly to avoid the build-up of condensation. In the event of a significant weather event – or if the campground floods – rangers or security will implement wet weather plans.

3. Peace and quiet

The period from 10pm to 7am has been designated 'quiet time' in the campground. Please consider your fellow campers, avoid making excessive or loud noises, and do not ride scooters and bicycles along the wooden promenade on the waterfront next to the campground. Also be mindful that noise generated on the island travels across open spaces and across the harbour to the foreshore easily.

4. Respectful behaviour

The enjoyment of all campground guests depends in large part on individuals being co-operative and considerate. To this end, please follow any instructions given by our rangers and security. Drunken, noisy, anti-social or violent behaviour may result in campers being evicted from the island. Should a water taxi be required for this reason, the cost will be charged to your guest account.

5. Smoking

Smoking is permitted with some exceptions. Visitors are NOT permitted to smoke in accommodation areas, including the campground, or within five metres of any buildings.

6. Safety and supervision

Cockatoo Island is a former industrial site with cliffs and steep drops as well as occasional unmarked and uneven surfaces, voids, and trip hazards. For your safety, mind your step, wear appropriate footwear, stay alert for vehicles and construction activity, and monitor any children with you. Children are therefore not permitted to roam the island unaccompanied, especially after dark, and must be under adult supervision at all times.

Food and beverage

BYO alcohol is not permitted at Cockatoo Island, and bag checks apply before check-in. If you bring your own alcohol, it will be confiscated, and penalties may apply.

Cockatoo Island features two family-friendly cafés, both of which are licensed to serve alcohol:

- Cockatoo Overboard (located near the visitor centre)
- · Marina Café & Bar (located in the Docks Precinct)

Takeaway alcohol is available from Cockatoo Overboard during their operating hours. Takeaway alcohol can only be consumed in one of three licensed areas – within your tent, within the campground kitchen, and at the campground firepit. Each campground reservation is limited to one bottle of wine (opened), and four cups of beer per hour, due to NSW Liquor Licensing laws.

The campground kitchen is available for all campers to use, except for the period from 10.30am to 12.30pm when it is closed for cleaning.

What's on

To find out what's on at Cockatoo Island, head to our visitor centre and speak to one of our friendly visitor services volunteers during operating hours. Alternatively, visit **cockatooisland.gov.au** to see current and upcoming attractions, including tours and events.

Check-out

Check out is 10am on the day of departure. Please follow the below steps to secure your tent and assist our accommodation team:

- 1. Clean your tent(s) and sleeping mat(s) with the dustpan and brush provided.
- 2. Remove all rubbish, including from the surrounding area.
- 3. Place chairs inside tent, and mats on chairs, as found on arrival.
- 4. Return hired equipment to the Visitor Centre, except for mats and chairs leave these items inside your tent.
- 5. Ensure all doors and windows are securely zipped closed.
- 6. Remove any leftover food from the campground kitchen.
- 7. If you are staying in a deluxe waterfront tent, ensure the tent is locked with the padlock provided and return your keys and lanterns to the Visitor Centre to avoid lost item charges.

Require assistance?

Our accommodation team is available to help you during your stay. The accommodation desk is located within the Visitor Centre, so drop in during our operating hours or call 9700 4100. Outside of operating hours, please call security on 0433 632 791 for assistance.

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