Information and Recommendations for Travelling Groups

This information sheet is intended as a guide for travelling groups and provides practical advice and basic information to help ensure a smooth stay and respectful interaction with landowners.

Under Austrian law, regulations and legal provisions concerning camping and temporary stays fall within the competence of the federal provinces and/or municipalities. Depending on the federal province and municipality, wild camping and/or overnight camping may be prohibited. This means that longer stays with caravans and/or tents are only permitted at designated campsites.

Violations of existing bans on wild camping and/or overnight camping constitute an administrative offence and may be subject to penalties (e.g. fines).

Please therefore observe the following general procedure in Austria:

Travelling groups are advised to contact the respective municipalities before their arrival to obtain information on the applicable local legal provisions and organizational procedures. Municipalities can be contacted via their general service points and contact addresses and will happily refer you to the relevant authorities or offices.

The following diagram illustrates the necessary steps to be followed before, during and after a short term stay in order to ensure a smooth and conflict-free process for both travelling groups and municipalities:

Procedure for a Travelling Stay

Please establish who owns the property where you intend to stay.
You can obtain this information by contacting the relevant municipality.

The property is privately owned, e.g. by a farmer, company, etc.

The property is owned by a public authority, e.g. the municipality.

Ask the owner whether you may use the property and inform them about of your arrival, the planned duration of your stay, and the size of your group at least two weeks in advance.

The landowner consents to the use of the property.

The landowner does *NOT* consent to the use of the property.

Please ask the landowner to inform you of any applicable restrictions, deposit requirements or regulations, and clarify the following:

- Water supply and sanitary facilities
- Wastewater and waste disposal
- Quiet hours
- Parking regulations and access roads
- Environmental regulations

Enquire with the municipality whether alternative plots of land can be made available for use.

Enter into a written agreement covering the duration of your stay. A template for a sample agreement is enclosed.

Comply with the applicable requirements and agreements in order to ensure a smooth stay and to facilitate future stays as well.

Ensure an orderly departure.