

DARK COLONY FAQs The Basics

BOOKING: How do I book a place on an event?

Please make your booking first via the contact us email (or use richardh@darkcolony.co.uk) before making payment. This is to ensure spaces are available.

You will receive a confirmation email that your space is reserved for 14 days.

Once payment is received your booking will be confirmed.

If payment is not received within 14 days of reservation the space will be made available to anyone and you would have to contact us again to reserve it again.

See the Booking page for how to pay.

See the Events page for Event prices.

AGE LIMIT: Do you have an age limit?

We are restricting the minimum age of Dark Colony to be 18 due to the content. There is no upper age limit, as long as you are fit enough to walk across uneven terrain, and take a bash or two in combat, you are more than welcome!

EXPENSE: What if I can't afford to come?

You should consider becoming part of the crew for the event. Although you won't be able to play your own characters, it is still an amazing experience. All the details about crewing can be found on the FAQs titled volunteering as crew.

DISABLED: Do you allow disabled people on your events?

Although we do not want to discriminate against anyone who is considered disabled, it is best to read the information about the site where the event is being held (wheelchair access, etc). Some sites are more disabled-friendly than others. If you have any questions or concerns, then you can email us using the CONTACT US button or email richardh@darkcolony.co.uk

ALLERGIES: I am allergic to something, what do I do?

If you have allergies in any form, it is required that you submit the information on your booking sheet. Also, when you are at the site grab a ref before the first briefing and remind them of your allergies and any medication that you will have on you, where it will be kept, etc. It takes some common sense, however. If you are allergic to peanuts, and a player is eating peanuts, then please avoid them and their peanuts. If, however, you are deathly allergic to anything, then please state this also on your booking form and a mail shoot will go out informing other players not to bring such things (as peanuts, for example).

We want everyone to have fun at a DCLRP event, and preferably not to die for real!

INJURIES: Do I really get hurt?

Although in LRP all blows are pulled, accidents happen. Expect minor bumps and bruising, and a liberal coating of dust and dirt (depending upon weather). It is mostly an outdoors experience, so temperature ranges as well.

Showers are available, as well as toilets and washrooms, and we have first aiders at every event to make sure any injuries are tended to as soon as possible. If you have long term injuries that will affect how you can play the game (for example back problems so you cannot be jumped on) please make this known in the briefing before the game so everyone knows and can act appropriately.

DRINKING: Am I allowed to bring drink?

Drinking is allowed as long as it is responsibly. You are not permitted to fight if you are over the legal drinking limit to drive (our main first aiders will not drink at all). We ask that you do not drink to the excessive, as this will hinder your enjoyment of the event (and probably make a mess also). If we feel you are beyond reasonable or overly drunk, then expect a tap on the shoulder by a ref to make sure you are alright.

SMOKING: What if I am a smoker?

Nope! Smoking is allowed, though we expect all smokers to bring with them a portable ashtray so that the countryside that we LRP in is not damaged by our presence. Smoking is not permitted in any buildings, so outside only please! You will usually find that your first LRP friends are the smokers, as you band together to take the first watch outside the safety of the buildings.

Smoking in in-game areas is counted as in character and you will remain in play. You should remain in character and are subject to the usual in-game risks of the world.

DRUGS:

Drugs are not permitted at any DCLRP event.

LOCATION: Where are events held?

Events are normally held in different locations across the UK. Information about the event will state where it is being held and a link to the site if it has one. Directions will also be provided.

FACILITIES: What if I need a shower?

At all sites unless we say otherwise there are toilets, washrooms, and showers. Toilet roll is usually provided, but we have found it is always prudent to bring one roll of your own just in case. You will also need to bring any personal toiletries and towels.

CAMPING What do I need to camp at the site?

If it is a camping event, you will obviously be required a tent. Make sure it is one that can put up with reasonable weather (we don't want you getting soaked in a cheap tent that has collapsed), and one suitable for your needs. You will also be required to bring any bedding you need to keep you warm at night, and a camp air bed if you desire.

All events unless stated are self catering, this means you will need to bring something to cook on (a portable gas stove for instance, with gas!), pots and pans, the food you want to eat, and also a cloth or sponge to do your washing up. You can always ask for advice upon the FORUMS.

RUBBISH: What do I do with my rubbish?

More information will be given at the briefings, but usually bring along a black bag or two. We recycle as much as we can, depending upon facilities, and usually there will be a drop off point for any bags of waste. We ask that you do not litter at any site, so make sure you keep an eye out for any small pieces of litter around your camp area. We pay a deposit for the sites we are using and have no wish to lose this.

LOST KIT: Help! I left my piece of kit behind!

Any lost kit or items should be handed into the crew, who will look after it. Notices will be posted upon the forum about any kit that has been found. You can also email us to ask if it has been handed in.

DAMAGE: I broke/ripped/damaged a piece of my kit.

It is always advisable to bring a small sewing kit with you if you can, though one will be available at the crew camp with seamstresses also (they like chocolate) who will be able to help you. Various glues will be available as well, for minor disasters, and if all else fails, duct tape. If you have forgotten something, then let us know and we will do our best to help you, no guarantees though. The best bet is to be Santa. Make a list, and check it twice (or more!).

BELONGINGS: Can I bring along my phone?

Try not to bring anything expensive, and make sure all valuables are hidden in your tent. Mobile phones and other electronics whilst are permitted, they are not allowed to be seen during in game time. Not all sites have electricity, and even if they do they might be being used by the crew to run props, so do not rely upon them being free.

Any items you do bring are at your own risk and DCLRP are not liable for any damages, so it is up to you if you want to risk them.