

Using the composting toilets at **Barefoot Campsites**

You may have heard of 'long drops' - composting toilets where everything 'drops' into a deep pit in the ground. When the pit is nearly full, you fill up the last bit with soil, leave the contents to compost naturally, dig a new pit and start again. This type of composting toilet is often used in woodland and is sometimes called a 'tree bog'

Our Barefoot Campsites are too close to the river to compost in the ground this way so we have to collect the poo in a container. When the container is full we take it away and compost it off-site. The problem with this though, is that the wee can't soak into the surrounding soil as it would in a long drop - and it's the wee that makes the toilet smell: We need a way to keep the wee out of the container. For the guys, it's easy - we have **composting urinals**. Designed in France for beer and wine festivals, they have been a great success with our campers since we introduced them in 2013.



For the ladies, and the gents too when they use the composting toilets, you'll find a urine separator fitted underneath each toilet seat: The poo goes into the bin through the hole at the back while the wee is diverted to a soak-away in the ground via the blue funnel at the front. Simple! (... though you may have to do a little shimmy ladies to be sure things go where they are supposed to!)

Adding a carbon-rich product such as toilet paper and a small handful of sawdust (both supplied) to the poo bin will help with the composting process, but please, no nappies, baby wipes, sanitary towels etc as these will not compost down. The other important thing to remember here is **not** to put sawdust or toilet paper in the blue wee section at the front as this will block the funnel and pipe and cause the wee to overflow, **not nice**. Just remember ...

... **ONLY** wee in the front and **NO** wee in the back.

If you're new to **separating composting toilets**, we suggest you check them out before you need to use them!

Parents, please make sure your children (and teens) understand how to use the composting toilets,



and if you have young children with little bottoms we suggest you use one of our new separating toilet seats for children. (the one illustrated doesn't separate but the ones on site do)

Dads & lads, please don't stand up to wee in the composting toilets – sit down or use the composting urinals.

Our toilets have **sanitising hand gel** and **toilet paper**, but so as not to attract moths and other insects at night there are no lights – you'll need your camping torch!