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On fait du camping

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Programme Notes

Welcome to Coffee Break French, the podcast aimed at independent learners of French. Our regular podcasts will introduce you to the French language in easy steps. These programme notes will help you get more out of each episode by explaining how words are written and giving you more information about each phrase along with some bonus vocabulary where appropriate.

Language Notes

faire du camping	to go camping	
on fait du camping	we're going camping	
le camping	campsite	
le parking	car park	
une tente	tent	
une caravane	caravan	
(est-ce qu') il y a un camping près d'ici?	is there a campsite near here?	
y a-t-il un camping près d'ici?	is there a campsite near here?	
est-ce qu'on peut camper ici?	can one camp here?	Note that this can be translated as "can one..." but is perhaps more commonly translated as "can you...". The use of "one" in our translations is to avoid any confusion between the pronouns "you" meaning "you" (<i>tu / vous</i>) and "you" meaning "one" (<i>on</i>)
est-ce qu'on peut manger ici?	can one eat here?	
est-ce qu'on peut boire l'eau ici?	can one drink the water here?	
louer	to hire	
est-ce qu'on peut louer des serviettes?	can one hire towels here?	
où est la piscine?	where is the swimming pool?	
où se trouve la piscine?	where is the swimming pool?	An alternative to <i>où est ...</i> , literally meaning "where does the swimming pool find itself?"
où est le magasin?	where is the shop?	

Language Notes

où se trouve le magasin?	where is the shop?	
où sont les toilettes?	where are the toilets?	
où sont les douches?	where are the showers?	
où sont les poubelles?	where are the bins?	
où se trouvent ...	where are ... ? / where can ... be found?	
le bloc sanitaire	the toilet block	
où est-ce qu'on peut louer des serviettes?	where can one buy towels?	
où est-ce qu'on peut acheter du café?	where can one buy coffee?	
où est-ce qu'on peut acheter des œufs?	where can one buy eggs?	
un œuf	an egg	the 'f' is pronounced in <i>œuf</i> in the singular
des œufs	(some) eggs	the 'f' is silent in <i>œufs</i> in the plural

Additional vocabulary

avez-vous un emplacement?	do you have a site (to pitch a tent or to park a caravan)?	
avez-vous des tentes à louer?	do you have tents for hire?	
est-ce que je peux ... ?	can I ... ?	
emprunter un maillet	borrow a mallet	
... ouvrir la fenêtre	... open the window	
un piquet de tente	tent peg	
un montant de tente	tent pole	



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