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## Factors To Consider in Choosing a Campsite

- Is water available nearby?
  - Is the site protected from the wind—leeward side of hill or ridge, trees for windbreak?
  - Are tent sites with good ground cover available—pine needles, grass, no rocks or shrubs?
  - Is firewood or fuel available if crew is not using stoves?
  - Is the site elevated? Not located on a flood plain, in a depression or in a natural water trough.
  - Does the site slope gently for adequate drainage, but not so steeply that using it may create erosion?
  - Is the site safe from falling rocks and dead snags or tree limbs?
  - Does the site have a suitable location for a fire lay (mineral soil or rock)?
  - Is the site free from insects (mosquitoes, ticks, bees, wasps, flies, ants, etc.) and poisonous plants (poison ivy, poison oak, poison sumac)?
  - Has the crew considered reducing its impact on the environment by including camping away from meadows and at least 200 feet away from streams, lakes, and springs?
  - Does the site offer adequate shade and/or sun? Will the early morning sun hit the site to get you going and to dry tents quickly?
  - Does the site offer privacy from trails and other sites?
  - Is the site one of beauty (view, stream, mountains, flora, natural setting)?
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