

CCI EcoCare Assessment Tool

A: Your details

- 1 Campsite/venue/ministry name:
- 2 Website:
- 3 Country:
- 4 State / Province / County:
- 5 CCI Association:
- 6 Your name:
- 7 Your email address:
- 8 Your telephone number:
- 9 Your position:

B: More about your ministry

- 1 Do you own/manage a campsite/venue?
Yes – please answer questions 2-9, then skip to Q15 No – please skip to question 10
- 2 How many people can your campsite/venue accommodate at full capacity?
Up to 50 51-75 76-100 101 or more
- 3 How would you describe your accommodation?
- 4 Is your campsite/venue situated in an urban or a rural area?
- 5 What size is the area of land that you are responsible for?
- 6 What type of landscape do you manage?
- 7 What vegetation types are found on your site?
- 8 How much is native vegetation and how much is transformed by human use?
- 9 Any other comments on your campsite/venue?
- 10 If you do not own/manage your own campsite/venue, but rent or borrow a site as a guest group:
How many people do you typically take on camp?
Up to 50 51-75 76-100 101 or more
- 11 Is the campsite/venue you rent/borrow in an urban or rural area?
Urban Rural
- 12 How big (in terms of area) is the campsite/venue you rent/borrow?
- 13 What type of landscape and vegetation types does it incorporate?
- 14 Can you exert an influence in any way on those managing the camp/venues that you rent/borrow?
Yes Some Maybe No
- 15 Do you run activity programmes for camps (either held on your site or elsewhere)?
All or most camps Sometimes Rarely No
- 16 Do you provide meals for camps?
All or most camps Sometimes Rarely No
- 17 How many permanent full-time staff do you have?

18 How many part-time staff do you have?

19 How many student workers do you have and for how long do they stay?

20 How many staff live “on-site” or in accommodation provided by your ministry?

21 What types of groups/ people do you serve through your camps / ministry? (tick all that apply)

Schools	Church groups	Families	Other (please specify)
Children/youth	Adults	Mixed-age groups	

Notes on completing the Assessment Tool:

There are 5 sections in this assessment, relating to different areas of camp life:

Section C: Worship and Teaching

Section D: Operations and Energy

Section E: Water and Cleaning

Section F: Catering and Waste

Section G: Land Management

Some sections and questions may feel more relevant to your ministry than others. Please consider the following when answering questions:

Section C: Worship and Teaching

This section should include questions relevant to all CCI ministries, as we all have worship at heart, and can all influence guests whether through programming, on-site activities, personal interaction with guests as hospitality is offered, literature made available, notices and posters in the venue, or social media.

Sections D-G: Operations and Energy; Water and Cleaning; Catering and Waste; Land Management

All ministries have some sort of office base, but not all own a venue for camps.

How to answer the questionnaire:

- For those with a venue – these questions should be answered on the basis of their offices, venue, ministry staff housing, and the land these are on.
- For those without their own venue – answer these questions on the basis of your office base, any permanent staff housing, and the influence you are able to have on the venues you rent (through suggestions, comments offered on evaluation forms, or in private conversations with those responsible for managing the campsites you rent).
- If you do not cater for camps – please answer food related questions from the perspective of permanent / live-in staff.

If you are a member of a CCI Association, but none of the above scenarios fit your circumstances, **you can answer any/all questions from the perspective of your own home** – after all, this should be the starting point for all of us: as we start improving our care of God's creation in our own lives and home, we are then ready to encourage others within our camp ministry to make changes to care for creation better.

You can also answer "Not applicable" to any question.

Before moving on to the main questionnaire, please tick all of the following that apply:

I can answer questions from the following perspectives (tick all that apply):

- Ministry offices
- Campsite/hospitality venue that we manage
- We provide catering for camps
- We do not have our own campsite/venue, but may be able to have an influence on venues we rent
- Staff housing
- Home of the CCI Association member completing this questionnaire

For all of the questions that follow please select answers from the following options:

NA – this question refers to something that is not applicable in my area or camp

Don't know – I am unsure of the answer and need to find out more

No/Not yet – we do not do this at our campsite or have not yet implemented this

1 – started: we have started to implement this in our campsite

2 – making progress: we are making progress in terms of implementing this in our campsite, but we still have some way to go to fully implement this

3 – doing well: we are progressing well towards operating in this way as much as possible

There is also the option to comment after each question. Use this space to clarify your answer, or to tell us more about your projects, and earn extra points!

C: Worship and Teaching

- 1** We have a dedicated outdoor church area for staff and campers to worship God in nature.
- 2** We offer worship trails or activities to encourage outdoor worship.
- 3** We provide literature to encourage people to enjoy God's creation and worship the Creator.
- 4** Nature appreciation activities are included in the programme for camps.
- 5** We use the wonders of creation to point campers to our Creator God.
- 6** During camps, campers are introduced to environmental issues and what they can do about them.
- 7** Environmental education activities are included in the programme for camps.
- 8** Practical conservation work is included in the programme for camps.
- 9** Citizen science projects are included in the programme for camps.
- 10** We are committed to regularly praying for environmental issues.
- 11** Staff seek to encourage and spur one another on towards "living lightly" (minimising our negative impact on the planet through the way that we live) – sharing ideas and helping one another implement changes.
- 12** Our Leadership Team have made a commitment to work at improving environmental care.
- 13** Staff and students receive teaching and training (including Bible study) in environmental issues and creation care, and are encouraged to take action in their personal lives and as part of their work.
- 14** We share the Bible's message of creation care with the community around us.
- 15** We get involved in wider community projects caring for the natural world.
- 16** We engage with our local council, mayor or government leaders on environmental matters.
- 17** We participate in campaigns concerning local, national or global environmental issues.

- 18** We support Fairtrade initiatives and buy Fairtrade products where possible.
- 19** Our newsletters and/or social media posts clearly show our commitment towards improved environmental stewardship, and encourage others to join us in caring for God's creation.
- 20** We have linked up with local conservation organisations and environmental schemes to help us in our care of creation (e.g. A Rocha; Eco Church UK; etc.).

D: Operations and Energy

- 1** We have carried out an energy audit for our venue.
- 2** We have set targets for improving energy efficiency and reducing our carbon footprint.
- 3** We use solar power, or other renewable energy, to heat our water.
- 4** We have solar panels to supply our electricity (other than for heating water).
- 5** We use renewable energy produced onsite by other means (e.g. geothermal, biofuels, wind turbine, etc.).
- 6** We use a green energy supplier.
- 7** We have LED light bulbs fitted.
- 8** We encourage staff and campers to turn off lights whenever they're not needed.
- 9** We have a policy in place to limit energy use for floodlighting and security lighting.
- 10** We have insulated the roofs of our buildings to prevent heat loss.
- 11** We have insulated the walls of our buildings to prevent heat loss.
- 12** We have double glazed our windows to prevent heat loss.
- 13** We minimise our use of heating in winter, turning thermostats down wherever possible.
- 14** We minimise our use of air conditioners in summer.
- 15** We use wood from sustainable sources for firewood.
- 16** We use recycled or sustainably-sourced paper for our office and administrative work.
- 17** We minimise printing of paperwork, print double-sided wherever possible and reuse scrap paper before recycling.
- 18** We have energy efficient fridges and freezers.

- 19** We have energy efficient dishwashers.
- 20** We seek to reduce our carbon footprint through travel by minimising journeys, lift-sharing or using public transport whenever possible.
- 21** We seek to reduce our carbon footprint through travel by walking or cycling if possible.
- 22** We use electric vehicles for camp purposes in order to reduce our carbon footprint.
- 23** We seek to reduce our carbon footprint through travel by avoiding flying whenever possible.
- 24** We seek to reduce our carbon footprint through travel by offsetting our travel.

E: Water and Cleaning

- 1** We have signs encouraging people to save water.
- 2** We provide water-saving handwashing options (waterless hand sanitiser; 'tippy taps'; or other similar systems).
- 3** We encourage staff and guests to notify maintenance of any leaking taps, and fix them within 24 hours.
- 4** We have taps which turn off automatically.
- 5** We have fitted reduced-flow taps.
- 6** We have fitted reduced-flow shower heads.
- 7** We encourage people to take short showers (less than 2 mins).
- 8** We provide buckets so that shower water can be collected for toilet flushing.
- 9** We flush with grey water where possible.
- 10** We have dual flush toilets.
- 11** We have waterless urinals.
- 12** We have installed waterless composting toilets.
- 13** We treat our sewage on-site in an environmentally friendly way.
- 14** We have waste bins and appropriate signage in all toilets to discourage anyone from throwing sanitary products into the toilet.
- 15** We use recycled or sustainably sourced toilet paper.
- 16** We use environmentally friendly cleaning products.
- 17** We use water efficient washing machines and always wash a full load.
- 18** We use water efficient dishwashers and always wash a full load.

- 19** We wash dishes by hand and minimise our water use while doing so.
- 20** We collect rainwater from our roofs in tanks.
- 21** We water gardens using rainwater or greywater.
- 22** We only water gardens after sunset or before high sun and avoid watering in the middle of the day.
- 23** We are water conscious when we wash vehicles and use a bucket and not a hose.
- 24** We have natural (chemical-free) swimming pool(s) - we keep our pool water clean using an organic filtration system with aquatic plants.
- 25** We have salt water swimming pool(s).

F: Catering and Waste

- 1** We use locally produced fresh foods.
- 2** We use organic vegetables.
- 3** We use free-range meats.
- 4** We encourage vegetarian meals amongst our staff.
- 5** Vegetarian options are available at all meals on camps.
- 6** We have a vegetarian day on all camps.
- 7** We compost raw food waste.
- 8** We compost cooked food waste.
- 9** We do not throw away left-overs but use them for staff or local community feeding schemes.
- 10** We are committed to reducing the amount of waste we produce.
- 11** We avoid using disposable plates or cups for catering purposes, and if we do use them we ensure we select biodegradable or recyclable options.
- 12** We use reusable shopping bags when buying provisions for camps and when doing personal shopping.
- 13** We are committed to avoiding single-use plastic bags.
- 14** We avoid excessive packaging when shopping for food.
- 15** We are committed to being a plastic straw-free campsite.
- 16** We encourage all campers to bring a water bottle of their own, and we do not buy small plastic bottles of drink for campers.

17 We minimise waste that will end up on land-fill through the principles of

- Refuse
- Reduce
- Reuse
- Recycle

18 We have recycling facilities for staff and campers.

19 We are part of community schemes to reuse items before recycling them.

20 We participate in litter-picks.

21 We make Eco-bricks.

G: Land Management

- 1** We are committed to managing the land entrusted to our care to the glory of God.
- 2** We have a management plan for our land, based on the advice of environmental professionals who have visited the property.
- 3** We are working at eradicating non-native invasive species from our land.
- 4** We are working at restoring native vegetation.
- 5** We participate in responsible native tree planting, following guidance from environmental professionals.
- 6** We are committed to gardening organically (with the exception of necessary poisoning of invasive species).
- 7** Garden areas are planted with water-wise plants.
- 8** We use mulch on our gardens to reduce water loss through evaporation.
- 9** We grow our own vegetables on site.
- 10** We farm animals on site for the benefit of the environment.
- 11** We encourage native plants that benefit bird and insect life, and do not mow all our garden areas.
- 12** We provide safe habitat to encourage wildlife species (dog-free areas of native vegetation where hunting is prohibited).
- 13** Native wildlife is encouraged through the provision of bird boxes and/or bat boxes and/or bug hotels, etc. (please state what).
- 14** We regularly monitor our flora and fauna and keep records for research purposes.
- 15** We have employed a botanist to undertake a botanical survey.
- 16** We manage and care for our wetlands (ponds, lakes, streams, rivers) to sustain the wetland habitats for the benefit of all creatures.

- 17** We (or local ornithologists) do bird ringing/banding on our property to monitor birdlife.
- 18** We have trail cameras to monitor shy and nocturnal species.
- 19** We welcome experts in herpetology, entomology, etc.
- 20** We have a fire management plan in place for vegetation types prone to burning.

CCI EcoCare: Beliefs and Commitment

Commitment to caring for God's world

We believe:

- The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.
- Our triune God is the Creator of all things, and He loves, cares for and sustains all of His creation.
- Mankind was made in God's image and given the role of caring for God's creation on His behalf.
- Creation is suffering as a result of our sin, but Jesus Christ conquered death to redeem not only mankind but all of creation.
- Creation care is an integral part of our response to the gospel and the Lordship of Christ; it is a key part of loving God and loving our neighbour as ourselves.
- Creation care can give us opportunities to share the gospel with those concerned for the environment but who do not yet know the Lord.

We commit to:

- Prayerfully exploring lifestyle changes that will improve our stewardship of creation, regularly reassessing and challenging ourselves to continue improve our creation care.
- Worshipping God through wise choices concerning the way we use the natural resources He has given us.
- Assessing how we can implement changes on our campsites to care for God's world and to promote creation care amongst our fellow staff and campers.

Please tick to affirm before God that you agree with the abovementioned belief and commitments