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Camping

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Camping is fast becoming the coolest thing to do - so why not pitch a tent and enjoy the great outdoors? Keen camper Steve Wilson has been scouring the high street and internet to bring you some the latest gadgets and tents.



Tents

Tesco Value 2 Person Camping Set - £37.87

Keep your camping trip cheap with this great value two man tent with two sleeping bags and ground mats- all for under £38. This is one of the best value sets around and great if you've never been camping before and want to test the water.

Proaction Floral Funky Tent - £27.99

Available at [Argos](#) or call 0870 600 1010
Designer Cath Kidson inspired the current trend for floral design and this colourful tent for two will give you the edge at any campsite in the land.

Crux Constellation II Tent - Black's - £79.99

This tent is the ultimate in modern camping. It has a built in lighting system which consists of extra bright LED lights which attach to the inner using Velcro - this saves you the hassle of scrambling for the torch in the middle of the night- you can just switch the lights on.

The XXL Classic Six Person Quick Erect Tent - £395.00

Available at [www.khyam.co.uk](#) or from Outdoor Megastore, Camping International and Camping World
Although a little more expensive than some tents, you won't find a 6 person tent that is quicker to erect than this model. Khyam, the manufacturers, claim that it can be erected in about 4 minutes.

Nemo GoGo Tent - Snow and Rock Stores - £200

The Nemo GoGo Tent, uses an innovation called 'Air Supported Technology'. It needs no poles, but is supported by an air-filled inner tube which is inflated by a foot pump that comes with the tent. Taking less than one minute to set up, this tent is ultra-lightweight but is only suitable for a single traveller.

Geronimo Tent - Habitat - £59.99

This wig-wam shaped kid's tent will keep the children very happy - it might even inspire them to play cowboys and Indians.

Marks and Spencer - 'Glamping'

- Floral Pop Up Tent - £39.50
- Floral Print Sleeping Bag - £19.50
- Flower Tent Pegs - £3.50
- Foldable Stool - £9.50
- Collapsible Wash Bowl - £5

Camping accessories

Summer of Love Bottle - Millets - £7.99

This hippie style bottle will keep your water cool and free from insect trespassers.

Hi-Gear Inflatable Sofa Airbed - £59.99

Available from [www.foxsoutdoor.co.uk](#)
This 2 in 1 inflatable sofa and double bed is ideal for making the most of your tent space - by day you can relax on the sofa, and by night enjoy a relaxing night's sleep by turning it (very simply) into an airbed.

Tesco Double Inflatable Airbed with Built in Electronic Pump - £19.97

This bed features an in built battery powered pump to do that hard work for you. This extra warm flocked PVC air mattress also features an internal coil construction providing a great level of comfort.

Vango Animal Chairs - £7.95

Available from [www.tauntonleisure.com](#) or stores in Taunton, Exeter and Bristol

Camping Kit - biomelifestyle.co.uk - £155

Biomel Lifestyle's Eco-Camp Kit is for campers with a conscience. The pack includes a solar-powered shower pack (with a 20-litre capacity that can serve two to three campers); a wind-up radio; a battery-free torch and an organic cotton sleeping mat.

Summer of Love Wind Up Lantern - Millets - £29.99

Also this eco-friendly lantern will provide up to an hour of campsite light per wind - and you'll never run out of batteries.

Cooking equipment

Storm Kettle - £44.00

Available from [www.naturalcollection.com](#).
Storm Kettles are used all over the world by intrepid explorers, by villagers in the Solomon Isles, and by the Zulus, who use dried dung as fuel! This clever, energy efficient invention allows you to boil 2.5 pints of water quickly and efficiently, using a sheet of newspaper and handful of dry twigs (or whatever you have to hand).

Primus EtaPower - £75

[www.cotswoldoutdoor.com](#) or stores nationwide
The Primus EtaPower is the most efficient camping stove you can buy with an 80% efficiency rating (compared to the standard 40%), meaning one gas canister can make up to 108 cups of tea. Its secret is making use of the warm gas fumes that normally flick up around the side of the pan. The result is a faster boiling time and reduced fuel costs.

Grillput BBQ - £24.95

Available from [www.heantoneofhose.com](#).
The smallest and most portable BBQ on the planet (the makers claim). The Grillput is a travel BBQ that fits in your pocket - although you'd have to have quite a big pocket. At only 29cm long and 2.2cm wide you can stash it anywhere, and when you're feeling peckish open it up into a 23x26cm BBQ.

Bucket BBQ - Marks and Spencer's - £15

This BBQ is part of M&S's glamping range and - although not as portable as the Grillput BBQ - it looks like a trendy bucket.

Camping gadgets

Freelander Charger - £29.95

Available at [firebox.com](#)
Stylish, pocket sized solar mobile phone charger that is great for taking on holidays or when travelling, camping, on picnics or in emergencies.

Garmin GPS 60 - £149.99 - Black's

This GPS system will help you locate wherever you are - whether it be the middle of the Pennine Way, or half way up Ben Nevis.

Life Venture Soft Fibre Trek Towel Face Towel - £8.99

Available at [www.completooutdoors.co.uk](#)
A very small towel with a huge amount of absorbency - good for keeping on you in case of a sudden storm.

Miss Army Knife - £14.95

Available from [firebox.com](#)
Perknives for girls? About time! But instead of accessories like hacksaws and magnifying glasses, this one has a nail file, tweezers, a nail thread, mirror, perfume bottle and bottle opener. Would be a good accessory for your handbag even when you're not camping.