



## **Municipal user regulations for camper vans in the Kalmthoutse Heide parking area, Putsesteenweg 131, B-2920 Kalmthout.**

### **1. SCOPE**

These regulations are applicable in the Kalmthoutse Heide parking area, located at the corner of **Putsesteenweg and Heibloemlaan in Kalmthout** (GPS coordinates: N 51 22.552, E 4 26.973).

The regulations apply to camper vans (recreational co-users of the parking area). The camper van locations are partly owned by the municipality of Kalmthout and partly by the Flemish Authorities. Pursuant to the Flemish Accommodation Decree for small camper van sites, they are operated by the Kalmthout municipal Tourist Office and the Flemish Agency for Nature and Forests.

### **2. STAY & ACCOMMODATION**

- In Kalmthout a stay in a camper is allowed only in the sections established for this purpose. The location is indicated by the E9h sign.
- The **4 camper van spaces** in the Kalmthoutse Heide parking area (corner of Putsesteenweg-Heibloemlaan) are intended for tourists staying for no longer than 48 hours with their own campers.
- People can stay overnight in their own campers **free of charge** for the permitted stay period.
- The permitted stay period for all spaces is limited to a **maximum of 2 successive nights or 48 hours**, with a minimum interval of 30 days.
- The procedure for **inserting coins** to use the **service hook-up** point is as follows: **€1 entitles customers to 100 litres of water or 1kWh of electricity, according to preference**, for their own use. Visitors may park in the service area for only one hour and solely for the purpose of using the amenities. If need be, electrical bicycles and private cars may use the electrical charging point for the same price. Bicycles are allowed to park near to the service hook-up for longer than one hour.

### **3. ENFORCEMENT & INSPECTION**

- Approved by the municipal company council during its 28 April 2005 meeting, the coordinated police nuisance-curbing regulations are fully applicable to all visitors to the Kalmthoutse Heide, Putsesteenweg-Heibloemlaan, parking area.
- The local authority may proceed at any time to have the identity of the visitors and the number plates of the vehicles **checked** by the relevant services. The length of time visitors and the vehicles stay may also be monitored, if necessary. The inspection is confined to the vehicle owner but may be applied to any visitors.
- There is no need for the spaces to be booked. Solely the Kalmthout Mayor and Municipal Executive may grant an exception to this rule.

### **4. SAFETY & LIABILITY**

- Camper vans stay in Kalmthout at the owner's own risk. Owners or users must have a valid **insurance policy** to cover their third party liability and a fire insurance policy. These policies should be available for presentation if the supervisory authorities so request.
- Any camper vans staying in the Kalmthoutse Heide parking area should be equipped with a hand fire extinguisher (powder or foam extinguisher). The **fire extinguisher** should feature the BENOR mark, the extinguisher's inspection date should not have expired and must comply with the EN3 standard.
- The storage of gas cylinders in camper vans must be restricted to a maximum of 2 units. The recipients used should meet the prevailing regulations.
- Regulators, pipes burners and accessories have to be inspected and the inspection reports should be available for presentation. The inspection certificates should be renewed at least every two years. Areas where gas cylinders are stored should have ventilation above and below.
- The owner or user of the camper van is **personally liable for any damage** caused by his/her vehicle, his/her guests or his/her passengers.
- Neither the Kalmthout local authority nor the Flemish Community may be held liable for any (fire-related) accidents or (fire) damage.

## 5. CODE OF CONDUCT & REQUIREMENTS

- All visitors must keep the parking area and the surrounding area clean. The rubbish bins are intended for short-stay tourism.
- The visitor/tourist is required to behave responsibly and according to the principle of "due diligence".
- It is strictly forbidden to light **fires** of any kind.
- Camper van tourists are required to take their **waste** back home with them, as the parking area does not provide any skips for household waste.
- It is forbidden to discharge or pour out **waste water**.
- **Pet** owners should ensure that their animals do not foul or disturb the surrounding area.
- The adjacent forests and canals must not be treated as public **toilet** facilities. Camper van tourists must use their own toilet or the public toilet facilities in the adjacent visitors' building, which is open every day from 10 am to 5 pm.
- **Sleeping hours** between 10 pm and 7 am must be respected. It is not allowed to drive into or out of the parking area during this period of time.
- During the entire stay, free passage must be guaranteed in the car parking spaces and on the cycling and hiking trails.

## 6. CONTACT DETAILS

**Kalmthout local authority:** Kerkeneind 13, B-2920 Kalmthout.

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