



THE JUNGLE BOOK

Heading to the Jungle to give a helping hand?

Here's what you need to know...

And whether you arrive on a boat, a bike or

in an old banger, you'll be very welcome.

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GETTING TO CALAIS

By ferry

- Ferries regularly run from Dover to Calais.
- Prices range from £70 to £150, depending on the time of day/year.

When you arrive in Calais, you'll come to 'The Fence'. The French border control on the English side will ask you where you're going and what you're doing there – especially if you said 'Calais' and look like you might be a volunteer. They can't legally stop you from entering, but don't expect them to be especially pleased about it.

By Eurotunnel

- The Eurotunnel departs from Folkestone and arrives in Calais Frethun Station.
- Fares can be anything from £60 to £175, depending on when you book.

By Eurostar

- The Eurostar passenger train departs from London St Pancras station and arrives in Calais Frethun.
- Prices go from £69 to £309, depending on when you travel.



FINDING THE CAMP

**THERE ARE TWO ENTRANCES TO THE CAMP.
ONE ON CHEMIN DES DUNES, WHERE IT MEETS ROUTE DE GRAVELINES.
THE OTHER IS ON RUE DE GARENNES, AFTER THE TURNOFF FROM THE N216.**

By car

The Jungle is on the outskirts of Calais, just over a mile to the east of the ferry terminal (satnav address: **304-308 Route de Gravelines, 62100, Calais**).

We suggest checking in to your accommodation first to drop off your stuff. You can park on the grass verge at either entrance and then walk in.

By bike

Everything is within easy cycling distance. Don't bring a fancy bike, just something that can survive a bit of mud and rain. And don't forget your lock.

On foot

You'll need to book a taxi to the camp.
Call **+33 (0)321 97 13 14** for Taxis Radio Calais.



WHERE TO STAY

FOR FIRST TIMERS WE'D SUGGEST BOOKING ACCOMMODATION IN CALAIS BEFORE YOU ARRIVE, AS IT GETS BOOKED UP. YOU CAN STAY IN THE CAMP, BUT THAT CAN BE A BIT INTENSE.

There are plenty of good hostels, B&Bs, campsites and hotels in Calais. Prices range from £19pp for a cheap hostel to £29 per night for a cheap hotel.

It's also worth checking out nearby rooms on AirBnB.

WHERE TO EAT

THERE ARE 20 RESTAURANTS IN THE CAMP.

We recommend the **Three Idiots**. Obviously you can also bring your own food, and even help with some of the cooking.

HEALTH ADVICE

There aren't enough Portaloos for the amount of people, and they are only emptied every few days – so it's worth going to the loo when you're off site.

People love to shake hands – which is also how most infections are passed, so be sensible with using hand sanitisers.

Try to keep well – it'll not only mean you're more useful, but will also reduce the chances of passing your illness to refugees and volunteers alike. We didn't get particularly sick. We took multivitamins and probiotics to boost everything and ate a lot of oranges.



WHAT'S HERE?

**FACILITIES CHANGE ON A DAILY BASIS,
SO BE PREPARED FOR EVERY EVENTUALITY.**

Volunteer provided facilities

- Women's and children's centre
- Theatre
- First aid
- Fire engine
- French and English lessons
- Play area
- Legal aid centre
- Phone charging point
- Dentist

State provided services

- Water stand taps
- Women and children's accommodation
- Shipping container family accommodation
- Limited social services

Migrant run services

- 20 restaurants
- 3 barbers
- 2 bike repair shops
- 20 cornershops
- Art Centre
- School
- Library
- Toy shop
- Phone shops



A DAY IN THE LIFE

**THERE'S REALLY NO LIMIT TO WHAT YOU CAN MAKE HAPPEN IN
THE JUNGLE. BUT HERE'S AN IDEA OF HOW YOUR DAYS MIGHT UNFOLD.**

Day 1

Wake up in your hostel and eat a hearty breakfast of baguette and Nutella. Aim to get to **L'Auberge des Migrants** for 9am. Chip in wherever you can; building wood and tarp shelters, sorting out food and clothes, breaking up pallets – whatever you can do is all helpful.

Head into the Jungle around midday (ten minute drive), parking at the Route des Gravelines entrance. Walk past the Gendarmes guarding the entrance and say 'bonjour' – they don't bite. Grab some food at the **Three Idiots Café**. Then make your way through the camp to the **Good Chance Calais Theatre**. On your way, keep an eye out for anywhere else you could make yourself useful.

Help out at the theatre however you can – with creative workshops, activities or just joining in the fun. Keep your activities realistic. Think less Henry V and more Afghan Youth Club. **Embrace the limitations.**

Go back into the camp and use your new stage presence to add some gravitas to your volunteering. Help out at the **children's centre**, the **library**, **cafés**, **churches**, **playgrounds** or just with anyone who could use an extra pair of hands.

Later on, head back to the **Good Chance Calais Theatre** for their evening session of workshops, films or whatever else they've decided to put on that day. As things quieten down for the night, make your way back to your car and go back to your hostel for a well-earned sleep.

Day 2

Work out what you think you might want to do from the people that you have met and what you've seen – and go and do more of it.

Day 3

Repeat indefinitely until the UK government policy on immigration changes.

The longer you stay, the more you'll get into the rhythm of things. There are no bureaucratic limits in L'Auberge des Migrants or in the Jungle. The main thing is to bring a smile and a can-do attitude. And some wellies.



WHAT TO BRING ALONG

LONG DAYS AND COLD NIGHTS MEAN YOU'LL NEED TO BE PREPARED IN THE FACE OF THE ELEMENTS. WE SUGGEST BRINGING:

- Waterproofs
- Thick socks – and lots of them
- Blister plasters (especially if you forget your thick socks)
- Sturdy boots or wellies that can withstand mud
- A hat and gloves
- Coats and outerwear that have zip pockets
(pickpocketing unfortunately happens sometimes)
- A torch
- Phone chargers and a European plug adapter
- A first aid kit
- A football (impromptu kickabouts are important)

Phones

Having a smartphone in the Jungle is fine security wise, as many of the migrants have them too. You'll find it really useful for logistics like satnav, Google Translate, finding local services, etc.

Use the Three network if you can (PAYG SIM cards are available cheap), as calls and data are charged as if you are in the UK. There's a good signal all over Calais and the Jungle

Hand tools

Bring along these items for fixing makeshift sheds and tarpaulin shelters:

- Hammers
- Cordless drill
- 2, 3 & 4 inch screws and nails
- Stanley knife
- Gaffer tape
- String
- Panel saw



AND WHAT TO LEAVE BEHIND

**WHEN YOU PACK YOUR BAGS AND HEAD HOME, REMEMBER TO LEAVE
BEHIND ANYTHING THAT MAY COME IN HANDY AT CAMP.**

Extra workshop materials

These are like gold dust, transforming another drawn out day in the camp into a creative journey (even if it's just for a moment). If you have any extra workshop materials, it's always kind to leave them behind for others.

Changing needs

Before you leave for your journey to Calais, look at the [Facebook page of L'Auberge des Migrants](#) and [Good Chance Calais](#), to see what people are after.



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ETIQUETTE

THE SPACE IS TEMPORARY, SO THERE ARE NO HARD AND FAST RULES AS TO WHAT YOU SHOULD AND SHOULDN'T DO. IT MOSTLY JUST BOILS DOWN TO GOOD OLD-FASHIONED COMMON SENSE.

Be snap sensitive

Be considerate about taking pictures of people in the Jungle. In general, camp residents don't like having their photo taken, as they're worried that their faces will end up on social media, get used by authorities, or cause harm to their families back home.

Be car savvy

Locking your car is usually enough security in the Jungle. Remember to check the boot too, as an English number plate and an open door can present an opportunity to a desperate person.

Be accessible

Language-heavy workshops can fall a little flat. So try exercises and activities that invite everyone in, and don't just rely on words to get you through. Being silly, making weird noises and lots of laughter can be a great way around this.



SEVEN WAYS TO BE HELPFUL

A FRIENDLY FACE GOES A LONG WAY IN THE JUNGLE. BUT PRACTICAL HELP LIKE BUILDING, DRIVING AND COOKING IS ALWAYS NEEDED. HERE'S A LIST OF WAYS TO HELP RESIDENTS BOTH PRACTICALLY AND CREATIVELY.

1. Get stuck in

Offer your help wherever you think it might be needed. In the Jungle initiative is a precious tool, as there's no one person running the show – and those who take the lead are often called away to deal with a different situation.

2. Lend a hand

If you have a car, help drive things around. If you have tools, help build something. If you're near the Good Chance Calais Theatre, help with a workshop. Sometimes camp residents can feel nervous attending a session inside the dome, so engaging with smaller groups of people outside can be a good way to draw people in.

3. Have something up your sleeve

Have plenty of tricks, games and songs up your sleeve. Be prepared for some of them not working, but people who come into the dome are usually ready to have a go at whatever you throw at them. Big bars of chocolate to share out during workshops go down well – a welcome treat on a wet cold day.

4. Listen

A lot of people will have experienced some very traumatic situations. Sometimes just sharing their experiences can be healing, so be willing to lend an ear. Even if it's just about the weather, conversation can be a great form of escapism.

5. Play ball

A lot of time is spent just waiting around. So a simple ball game can be one of the best things you can offer. Having a kick around with the kids and their parents brings everyone together.

6. Pop up

Random acts of creativity on site help bring a bit more colour to people's days. Whether it's a puppet show or a musical performance, hosting an impromptu pop up somewhere on site will be a welcome distraction and add to the community spirit. If you want to carry out a workshop in the women and children's area, you'll need sign off from the site office at least five days in advance.

7. Entertain the women and children

You could bring a theatre show or run workshops in the (sort of) local social services-run Women's and Children's Centre. This requires at least five days' notice for official paperwork to be put in place, as it's not within the Jungle, but just adjacent, to the north. Contact: czrouali@vieactive.asso.fr / 0033 3 91 91 51 60. They are friendly but tied up with the usual bureaucracies of local council working. Also, speaking a very little bit of French is very useful (ask for Barbara if you don't).



USEFUL PLACES

**WHETHER YOU'RE AFTER DIY MATERIALS OR BOXES OF WINE,
HERE'S A LIST OF USEFUL PLACES TO KNOW OUTSIDE THE JUNGLE.**

L'Auberge des Migrants

This is the main volunteer, donations sorting and shelter building warehouse two miles away from the Jungle.

Volunteers are requested to arrive at 9AM, but any time is better than none to turn up and help wherever they and you think is most useful. It has a very good workshop which, once you've volunteered for a day or two (and proven that you're not a complete time waster), they are more than happy to let you use their tools (and to a limited extent, their materials).

Where to find it: **Rue Clément Ader, 62100 Calais**

BUILDING SUPPLIES

Leroy Merlin

Think a French style B&Q with everything you'll need to help build a sturdy shelter.

Where to find it: **Centre Commercial Auchan, Route Nationale, 162100 Calais.**

Mr Brico

A slightly smaller building supplier, but only five minutes' drive away from the Jungle.

Where to find it: **ZA Marcel Doret, Rue de Judée, 62100 Calais.**

FOOD, DRINK AND EVERYDAY SUPPLIES

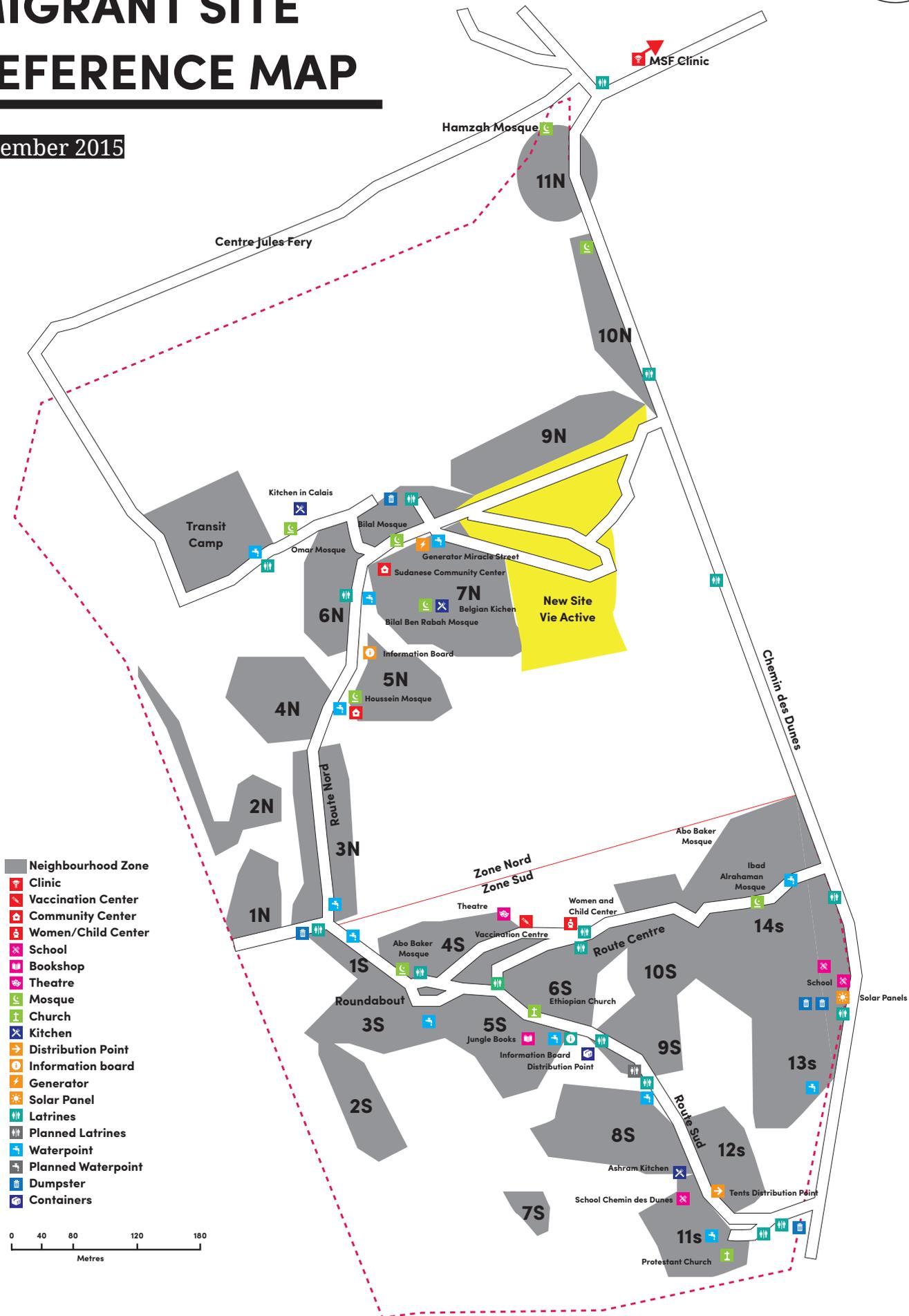
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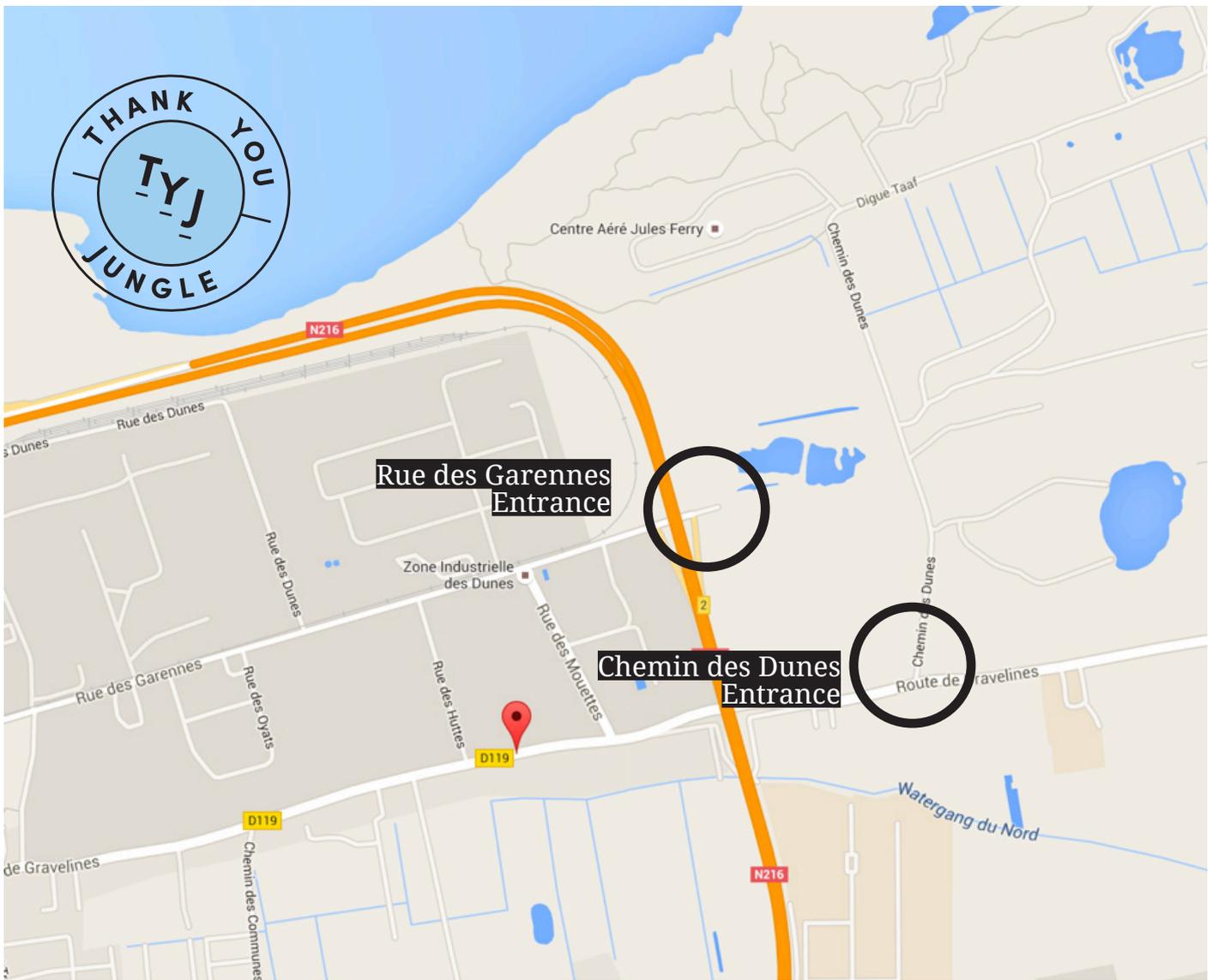
Stock up on all your food and drink supplies in this French megamarket, just five minutes' drive from the camp.

Where to find it: **Avenue Georges Guynemer, 62100 Calais.**

CALAIS MIGRANT SITE REFERENCE MAP

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map: google.com

**GOT ANY QUESTIONS BEFORE YOU GO?
WE'D BE HAPPY TO CHAT.**

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