

# GREENHAM COMMON WOMENS' PEACE CAMP 1981-2000

A spiritual journey

At least 30,000 women embrace the nine mile perimeter fence and shut down the base. Fence is decorated with symbols of life

1982  
Yule  
Solstice

1981  
Mabon  
Equinox

28/8/81: Greenham women march from Cardiff; arrive Greenham Common 5/9/81, protesting the decision to site 96 Cruise missiles- each with the power of 16 Hiroshima bombs. Womens peace camp is born.



1983  
Halloween

Women cut down 5 miles of the 9 mile perimeter fence using bolt cutters - Hundreds arrested and charged with criminal damage



1997

1998  
Easter  
Equinox

Hung jury verdict for women claiming that the production of nuclear weapons breaks international law.

2000

2000- Women close the camp with love and care. A world free of nuclear weapons is now a closer certainty.

1999

Byelaws made on Greenham Common declared illegal in House of Lords ruling 1990

1991

1990

1984  
Beltane



1985  
Candlemas



7/1/85 Women living at Peace Camp are disenfranchised.  
13/2/85: Bonfires lit on runway: 50 arrested.  
1/4/85: Illegal byelaws introduced. Hundreds of women break them on the stroke of midnight

1986

1987

1/5/85: Voting rights acknowledged by Master of the Rolls. Camp address now legal.

1988  
Mid-Summer  
Solstice



1989  
Lammas

Helen Thomas, living and working with us as Cruise missiles begin to be flown out of the base. She is tragically killed by a police horsebox a few days later.

4 women take sanctuary in Imber Church on Salisbury Plain - village used to prepare soldiers for duty in N. Ireland



Reclaim Salisbury Plain. Women invade area used for Cruise missile exercises on walk from Avebury to Stonehenge



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