



LEAVE NO TRACE

7 PRINCIPLES

"Leave No Trace" is the concept for education and initiatives to provide minimal impact when exploring the outdoors.

Plan Ahead and Prepare

Planning helps ensure your safety and that of the land. Plan for weather, hazards, terrain, supplies for minor injuries, food, water. Make a plan and share it with someone reliable who isn't traveling.

Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces

Utilizing pre-made trails and surfaces allows natural foliage to grow without disturbance. Use clearly marked walking trails, or worn paths. When camping, use already impacted areas.

Dispose of Waste Properly

It is important to remove all waste created. When facilities are unavailable, pack-out bags are crucial for items that don't decompose; bury all decomposable items 200 ft from water.

Leave What you Find

Allow others the same experience when visiting the location by minimizing your impact by leaving what you find, including leaves, twigs and rocks. Replace them if you move them for a camp site.

Minimize Campfire Impacts

Consider the damage potential before using a fire, refrain from damaging trees. Use existing rings when available, and check weather. Bring a stove for cooking on a camping trip if possible.

Respect Wildlife

Refrain from interacting with or disturbing animals. Remain quiet and stay far away from animals while traveling. A wounded animal should never be touched - call a game warden.

Be Considerate of Others

Be aware of how much noise you produce. Loud music may interrupt other attempting to enjoy nature. Give way when walking to bikes or horses. Keep pets under control at all times.



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PLAN

- Tell someone where I'm going, how long
- Check map for route, potential closures
- Familiarize self with terrain
- Check expected weather conditions
- Wear terrain appropriate shoes
- Clothing appropriate for weather, terrain
- Pack water
- Pack food supplies
- Pack protective supplies (sunscreen, bug spray, hat)
- Pack alternative attire for weather
- Appropriate disposal of all used items
- Prepare battery life of handheld devices
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