



BLACK ROCK DESERT
HIGH ROCK CANYON
EMIGRANT TRAILS



NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA

LEAVE NO TRACE

Introduction to The Leave No Trace Kit

The following kit can be used for people of all ages who are curious about the Leave No Trace philosophy. The kit contains overviews of each of the seven principles of Leave No Trace; in addition each overview is coupled with an activity that will help the students further explore the subject. The lesson plans can be presented as a whole or split into smaller individual segments. Each section should take no more than 30 minutes to present and should be taught with an enthusiasm that will inspire the students to share the information with others.

Introduction to Leave No Trace: Skills & Ethics

Since 1994, one set of guidelines has been changing the attitudes of campers and environmentalists all over the world. The ideas behind Leave No Trace seek to “teach the American people how to enjoy the wilderness without destroying it.” It brings interactive programs and activities to people of all ages and from all backgrounds to educate about the importance of preserving our environment for the future and for all those who wish to see the wonder of nature’s beauty.

In the year 2000 it was predicted that nearly 30 million people would go camping. Imagine that. 30 million people. That is more than 15 times the number of people who live in the ENTIRE state of Nevada. So, just think about what would happen if everyone from Nevada decided to go camping all in one day? Think about what would happen if that happened 15 times? Now imagine if all of those people left behind their trash, or went to the same areas, or took all the interesting rocks and artifacts that they found on the trails. There would be little left of our wildlands to go out and experience. While generally everyone who goes out camping likes nature, it has been said that we are “loving our parks to death.”

The Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics guidelines seek to both preserve our nation’s wilderness and inspire a love of safe camping for all ages. All of this is accomplished through 7 simple principles:

1. Plan Ahead and Prepare.
2. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
3. Dispose of Waste Properly
4. Leave What You Find
5. Minimize Campfire Impacts
6. Respect Wildlife
7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors.

Simply follow these guidelines for a safe, fun, and considerate trip!



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