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Travel and Recreate with Minimum Impact

- Travel on designated routes only.
- Travel only in areas that are open to your type of recreation.
 - Don't create new routes or expand existing trails.
- Avoid sensitive habitats like wetlands, meadows, and tundra.
- Cross streams only at fords where the road or trail intersects the stream.



R

Respect the Environment and the Rights of Others

- Respect and be considerate of other users so that all can enjoy a quality experience in the outdoors.
- When driving, yield to horses, hikers and bikers. In a personal watercraft, be cautious around canoes, kayaks, and other boats.
- Respect wildlife. Be sensitive to their life sustaining needs by keeping your distance.
 - Comply with signage.
- Always obtain permission to cross private land.



The Tread Lightly! Principles for Responsible Recreation

E

Educate Yourself, Plan and Prepare Before You Go

- Know local laws and regulations.
- Have the right information, maps and equipment to make your trip safe, and know how to use them.
- If driving, be sure your vehicle is compatible with road and trail conditions.
- Know which areas and routes are open for your type of recreation.



A

Allow for Future use of the Outdoors, Leave It Better Than You Found It

- Take out what you bring in.
- Properly dispose of waste.
 - Leave what you find.
 - Minimize use of fire.
 - Restore degraded areas.
- Avoid the spread of noxious weeds by washing your gear after every trip.



D

Discover the Rewards of Responsible Recreation

- Do all you can to help preserve the beauty and inspiring attributes of our lands and waters for yourself and future generations.