

**Scouting America**  
**Outdoor Ethics**



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**IMPACTS**

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**“When you leave (the camp), leave nothing  
but your thanks and a good name.”**

**Lord Baden-Powell**

# Vegetation Impacts

## Vegetation Loss



## Tree Damage



## Spread of Invasive Species



Purple Loosestrife



Kudzu

# Soil Impacts

## Soil Compaction



## Soil Erosion



## Loss of Organic Litter



# Wildlife Impacts

## Wildlife Disturbances



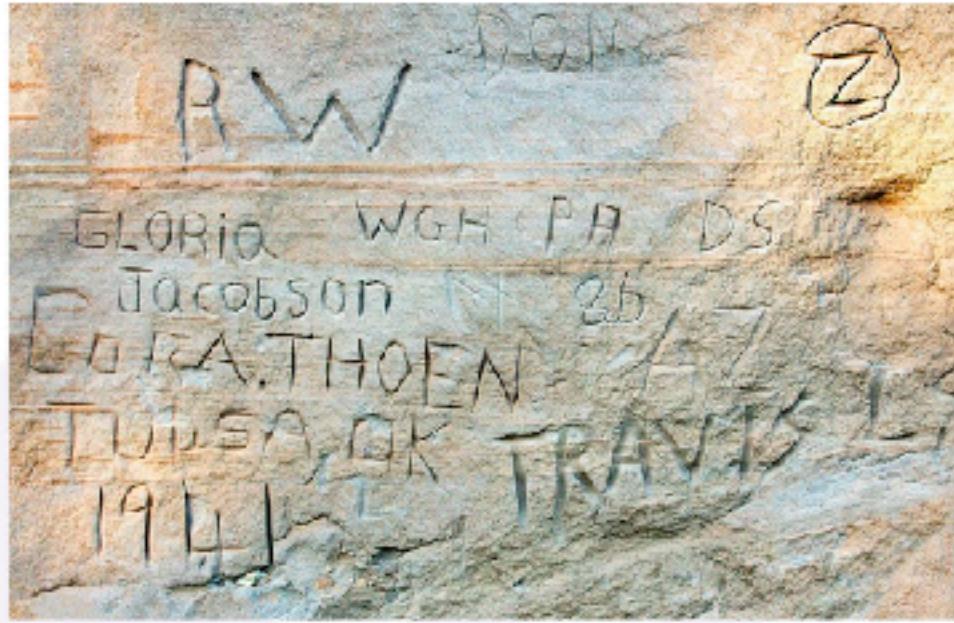
## Reduced Health and Reproduction



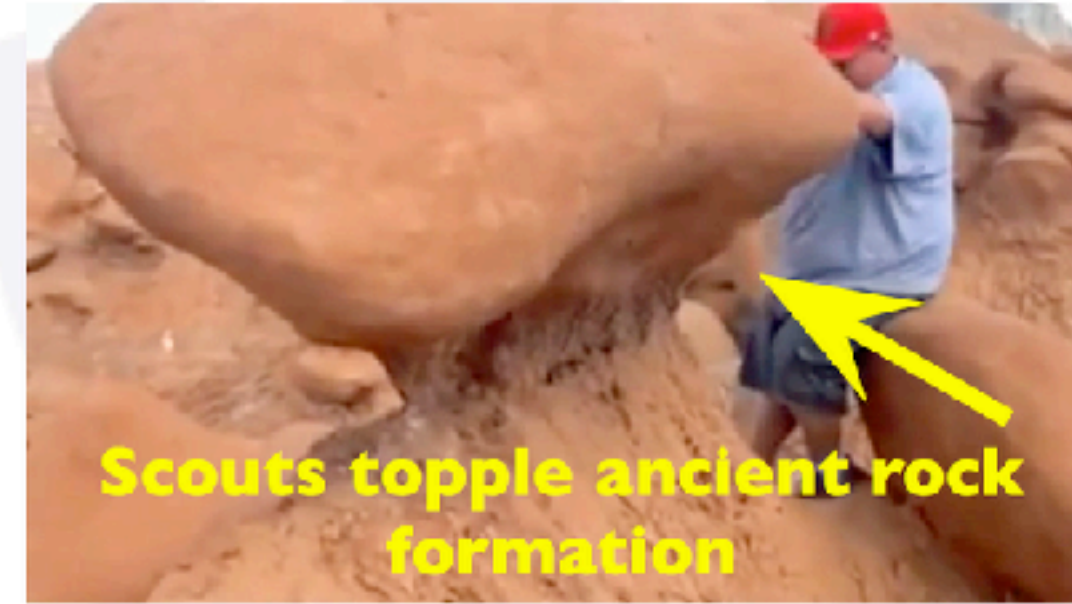
## Altered Behavior



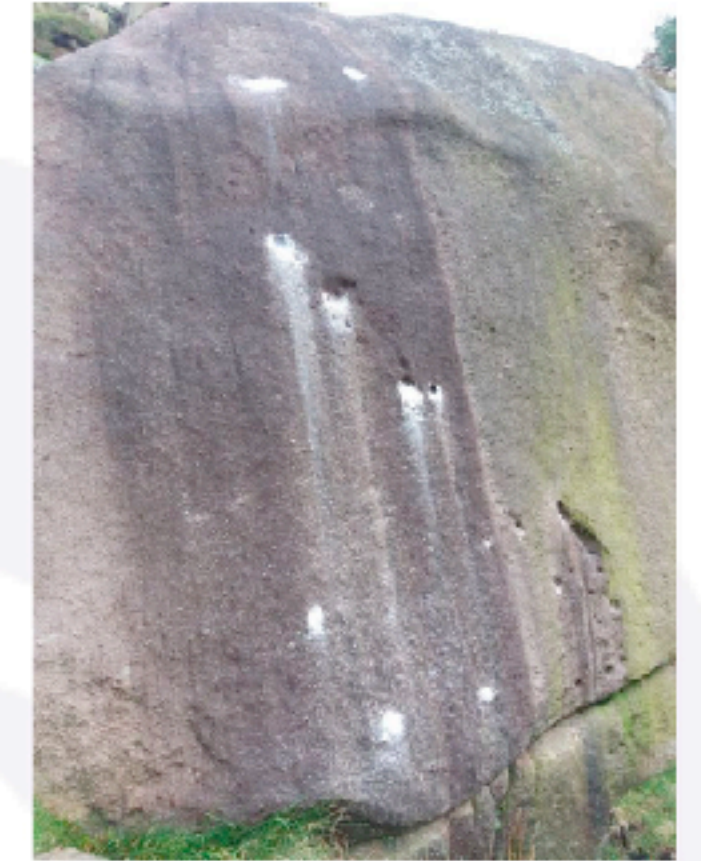
# Geological Impacts



Defacing by Painting, Scratching, or Carving



Destruction of Rock Formations



Chalk Marks



Removal of Unique Rock Specimens



Charred Rock



Bullet Holes

# Water Resource Impacts

## Turbidity and Sedimentation

### Dirty Water



### No Animal Access



# Social Impacts

## Overcrowding



## Conflicts



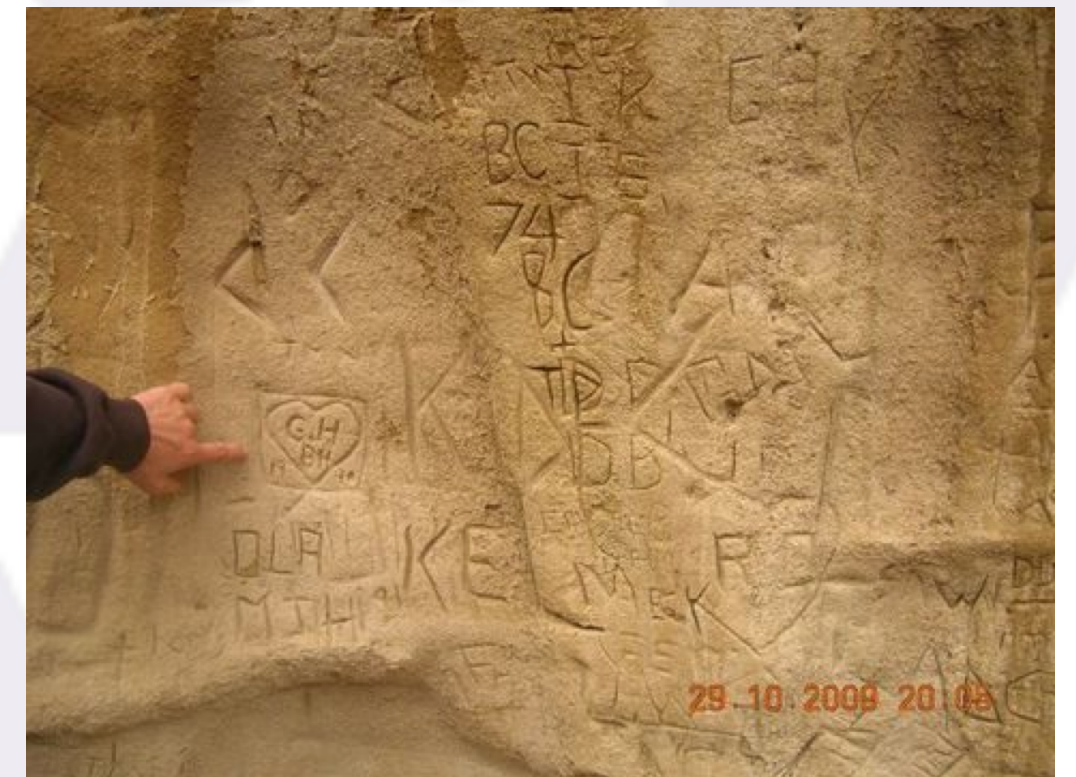
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# Cultural Resource Impacts

## Theft of Artifacts



## Damage to Archaeological Sites



# Scouting Impacts

Wild Behavior



Large Groups



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Poor Skills



Inappropriate Play



# Do our campfires always need to scar the land?



# Do we need to bring wood tools with us whenever we go camping?

