

Outdoor Ethics Guide Training

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As an American, I will do my best to be:

- + Clean in my outdoor manners -
 - ~We will clean up after ourselves using pack it in, pack it out techniques
 - ~We avoid leaving graffiti, fire rings, gadgets, and other signs of our presence.
- + Careful with fire -
 - ~Fire is an important tool, but one that can be devastating if it gets out of hand.
 - ~We think about the need for fire, how best to use it, and how to minimize its impacts.
- + Considerate in the outdoors -
 - ~We will think about others as well as ourselves and how our presence impacts them.
 - ~We think about not just our impact on other humans, but also on wildlife and the environment.
- + Conservation minded -
 - ~We will think about our impacts on the environment.
 - ~We take steps to correct and redress damage to the environment

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Leave No Trace Principles

- + Plan Ahead and Prepare
- + Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
- + Dispose of Waste Properly
- + Leave What You Find
- + Minimize Campfire Impacts
- + Respect Wildlife
- + Be Considerate of Other Visitors

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Leave No Trace Principles for Kids

- + Know Before You Go
- + Choose The Right Path
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TreadLightly! Principles

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- + Respect the Rights of Others
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- + Avoid Sensitive Areas
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