



Wilderness Education Messages

	All Zones	Zone A	Zone B	Zone C	Zone D
Color used in Plan maps		Orange	Blue	Red	Yellow
Plan ahead and prepare for	Self-reliance and proficiency in navigation will make visits safer and more enjoyable.	Most challenging level of off-trail travel and recreation opportunities with the highest degree of risk	Challenging travel and primitive recreation opportunities with a high degree of risk	Challenging travel and semi-primitive recreation opportunities with a moderate degree of risk	Challenging travel and semi-primitive recreation opportunities <i>with a moderate degree of risk</i>
Trails	Less maintained than other parts of the Forest. No blazes present to mark trails.	None.	Minimally maintained. May be hard to follow in winter.	Moderately developed. May be hard to follow in winter.	More developed. May be hard to follow in winter.
Degree of risk	Elevated	Highest	High	Moderate	<i>Moderate</i>
Recommended group size limit (hiking or sharing a campsite)	Small but never ≥ 10	≤ 4 but never ≥ 10	≤ 6 but never ≥ 10		
Travel technique	Travel on durable surfaces (trails, rocks, etc.) when possible and avoid fragile areas (soft, wet, lightly vegetated).	Disperse impacts by spreading out group members.	Disperse impacts when off trail by spreading out group members.		

Campsite selection and occupancy	Camp $\geq \frac{1}{4}$ mile from any designated overnight facilities and respect any additional FPA's. Minimize impacts and number of nights spent in one location. Never >14 days.	Select those $\geq 200'$ from water & showing no former human impacts. Stay ≤ 2 nights. Naturalize campsites upon departure.	Select those $\geq 200'$ from water/trails & $\geq 500'$ from any other campsites. Choose those showing no former human impacts. Stay ≤ 2 nights. Naturalize campsites upon departure.	Select designated sites (marked by sign) or established sites $\geq 200'$ from water/trails. Avoid lightly impacted sites.
Waste	Pack out all litter. Bury human waste in catholes $>200'$ from water, campsites or trails.			Pack out all litter. Utilize waste facilities at designated sites if provided (rarely). Otherwise, follow cathole guidance as listed for all zones.
Natural and Cultural Artifacts	Leave all artifacts as they were found. Leave them for others to enjoy and for professionals to interpret within the context of the environment.			
Camp and cooking fires	Fires are strongly discouraged and in many areas prohibited. Use of a camp stove is preferable. If fires are built use only dead and down fuel and practice low impact technique (i.e. mound, sheet, pan fires). Use existing fire rings where available. If existing firerings are not available then conceal all traces of campfire before departure. Always make sure fires are out cold before leaving and never burn trash.			
Wildlife	Respect wildlife and maintain adequate distance as not to disturb their natural behaviors. Proper storage of food and packing out of all food waste is vital.			
Other visitors	Show consideration for other visitors and their pursuit of solitude by maintaining distance when selecting sites for rest, camp, etc. Devices such as cellular phones, radios, etc. should be used with discretion, if at all, to avoid encroachment on others' experience.			