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# Leave No Trace

## Principle 1: Plan Ahead and Prepare

- Preparation, wise leadership, and thoughtful action can prevent most mishaps and protect the wilderness.
- Know the regulations and follow them.
- Make travel plans to reflect your group's expectations, skills, and limitations.
- Take responsibility for the safety of those in your group. Be prepared for extreme weather and emergencies.

**Think ahead when you make camp!**



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**Principle 2:  
Travel and Camp on  
Durable Surfaces**

- Camp only at sites designated by a steel fire grate and a latrine. Pitch tents on existing tent clearings at the site.
- Concentrate use on existing portages and trails.
- Walk in single file in the middle of portages.
- Set packs, canoes, gear, and piles of firewood on rock or bare ground to protect vegetation and soil.

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**Principle 3:  
Dispose of Waste Properly**

- Pack it in, pack it all out.
- Do not burn trash.
- Wash dishes 150 feet from water.
- For human waste, use latrines at campsites. On the trail, make a hole 8 inches deep, 150 ft from water for waste and toilet paper.
- Pack out feminine hygiene products containing plastic.
- Dispose of fish remains far from any campsite or portage (*paddle away- walking behind your site is not enough*), and out of sight from water.
- Unused live bait should be taken home for disposal.

**Don't litter!**



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Don't try to burn trash, pack it out!



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**Principle 4:  
Leave What You Find**

- Enjoy, but don't touch, prehistoric and historic artifacts.
- Leave rocks, plants, and other natural objects as you find them.
- Don't dig trenches or build structures, furniture, or fish pens. Any form of graffiti is inappropriate.

**Don't take artifacts!**

Mainspring from Northwest Trade Mu

Lead Swan Sho

Glass Trade Beads

Side P Trade Musket

le Cor e from Brass Kettle Scrap

Wrought Iron Awl

Hand Wrought Fish Hook



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## Principle 5:

### Minimize Campfire Impacts

- Consider using a camp stove for cooking.
- If you have a fire, keep it small.
- Paddle away from your camp site to gather wood that is *dead and down*, wrist-sized and smaller.
- Don't use driftwood, snags arching over water, or wood from beaver lodges and dams. Don't cut firewood along the shore where it will be visible.
- Make sure your fire is cold out at night and any time you leave your site.
- Do not burn trash – pack it all out.
- Consider enjoying some nights without a fire.

**Don't start a wild fire!**



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**Principle 6:  
Respect Wildlife**

- Never feed animals. Hang food and trash out of reach of bears. Food conditioned bears may have to be killed.
- Observe wildlife from a distance. If you cause a change in behavior, you're too close.
- Protect aquatic environments. Use lead-free tackle. Avoid introducing and transporting invasive by taking unused live bait home for disposal.
- If you fish, consider catch and release.
- Control pets at all times.

**Don't create problem bears!**



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**Principle 7:  
Be Considerate of  
Other Visitors**

- Load and unload canoes quickly at portage landings to avoid causing congestion.
- Take breaks away from portage landings. Your picnic prevents others from using the portage.
- Be courteous. Yield to others on portages.
- Travel and camp quietly. Sound carries very well across water.
- Don't fish right off someone's campsite.

**Don't congest portages!**



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