



Leave No Trace

What is Leave No Trace?

- After noticing increased impacts on trails, the US Forest Service developed the Seven Principles of Leave No Trace in the 1960s
- The idea behind the principles is to leave nature as unchanged by our presence as possible, so that future generation can enjoy it too
- It is important to know that if you pack it in, you should pack it out
- In essence, the purpose of Leave No Trace is to keep the wilderness wild

The Seven Principles of Leave No Trace

1. Plan Ahead and Prepare
2. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
3. Dispose of Waste Properly
4. Leave What You Find
5. Minimize Campfire Impacts
6. Respect Wildlife
7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors

Check out this website that explains the Seven Principles: <https://happiestoutdoors.ca/how-to-leave-no-trace/#The Seven Principles of Leave No Trace>

Why is Leave No Trace Important?

- As more and more people choose to hike and camp, lessening our impact is becoming more and more important
- Nature is for everyone, both experienced outdoors-people and newbies
- In order for that to happen, we all need to learn a bit more about how to be responsible hikers and campers