

# The Principles of Leave No Trace



## Teaching Leave No Trace

- 1. Damage to land occurs when visitors trample vegetation or communities of organisms beyond recovery. The resulting barren areas develop into undesirable trails, campsites, and soil erosion.**
- 2. Respect Wildlife - Quick movements and loud noises are stressful to animals. Considerate campers practice these safety methods:**
  - Observe wildlife from afar to avoid disturbing them.
  - Give animals a wide berth, especially during breeding, nesting, and birthing seasons.
  - Store food securely and keep garbage and food scraps away from animals so they will not acquire bad habits. Never feed wildlife. Help keep wildlife wild.

**You are too close if an animal alters its normal activities.**

### **3. Leave What You Find**

Allow others a sense of discovery, and preserve the past. Leave rocks, plants, animals, archaeological artifacts, and other objects as you find them. Examine but do not touch cultural or historical structures and artifacts. It may be illegal to remove artifacts.