



Leave No Trace

7 Principles

Plan ahead in advance

Planning ahead ensures the safety of groups and individuals, prepares you to Leave No Trace and minimize nature damage, and helps achieving trip goals safely and enjoyably.

Our goal is to move through natural areas, avoiding damage to the land or waterways.



Travel on durable surfaces

Trails provide identifiable routes for travel through nature with minimal impact. Staying on trails reduces the possibility that multiple routes develop, scarring the landscape



Dispose of waste properly

Proper disposal of human waste avoids polluting water sources and minimizes spreading disease.

If facilities are not available, burying human feces is the best method to meet these criteria. Waste must be packed out from some places.



Leave what you find

Leave areas as you found them. Do not dig holes or cut down vegetation. Replace rocks, twigs or pinecones in any area cleared before leaving.



Minimize campfire impacts

Evaluate the fire danger for the time of year and the location. Check for administrative restrictions from the agency that manages the area.



Respect wildlife

Observe wildlife from a distance you don't scare them. Quick movements and loud noises are stressful to animals. Travel quietly and do not pursue animals. Do not touch, get close to, feed, or pick up wild animals

Sick or wounded animals may injure you. Young animals removed or touched may cause the animal's parents to abandon them. If you find sick animals notify the land manager.



Be considerate of others

Nature serenity is optimized when group size is small, contacts are infrequent, and behavior is unobtrusive. On a narrow trail, hikers headed downhill should step aside to allow an uphill foot traveler to easily pass. Before passing others, alert them and proceed carefully.





To the tune of *If You're
Happy and You Know It*

If you're trying to leave no
trace have a plan,

Staying on the path, being
careful all you can,

Not collecting, dropping
trash,

Being careful not to smash,

Proving that you are a nature
fan!

To the tune of *Row,
Row, Row Your Boat*



Leave, leave, leave no
trace

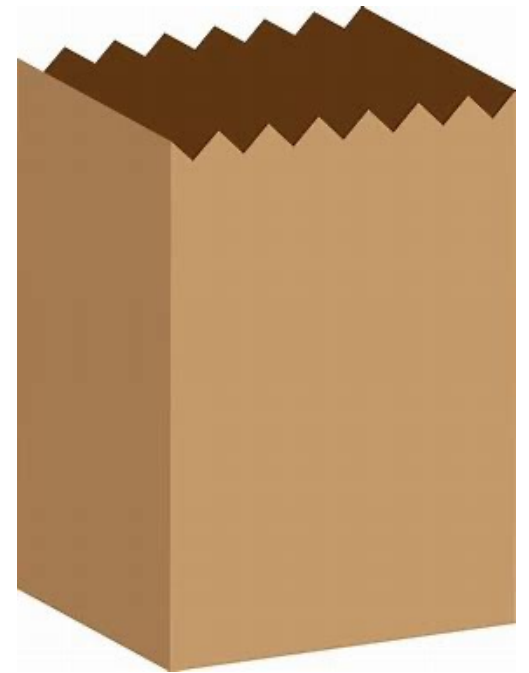
When you're in the park,

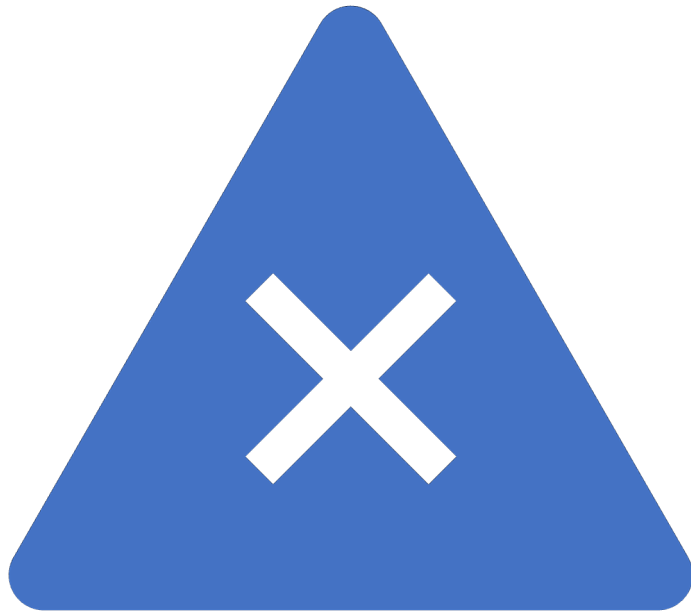
So, it looks the way you
found it,

In the day or dark!

Make a carry-out trash bag!

Get a paper bag and decorate it with a footprint to remind you to leave only footprints—on durable surfaces!

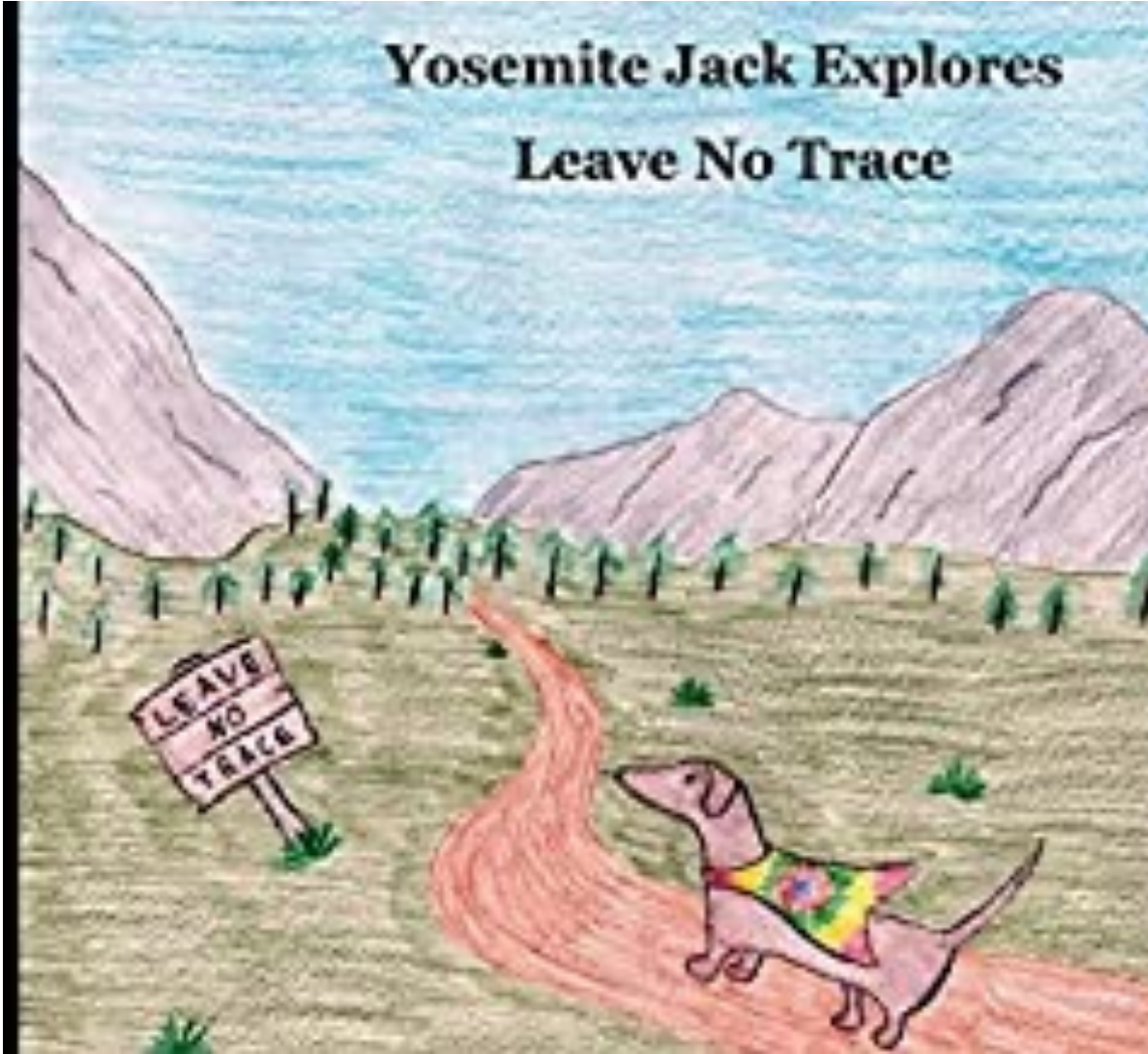




What are the best ways to snack and leave no trace?

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2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

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