



# Finger Lakes National Forest

## *Schedule of Proposed Action*

**October 1 to December 31, 2015**

### **ABOUT THIS SCHEDULE**

The purpose of the Schedule of Proposed Action (Schedule) is to provide a status report and short summary of project proposals that are undergoing, or will undergo, environmental analysis by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) - Forest Service on the Finger Lakes National Forest. Issued quarterly, this Schedule is intended to provide the public with informal notice of proposed activities. The publishing of this Schedule is required by Forest Service regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

An effort will be made to seek public input (called "scoping") on proposed projects based on specific response to this Schedule. Scoping may be in the form of letters, email requests or phone calls that will include more specific information in order for the public to provide meaningful feedback that may be incorporated into the environmental analysis process. When required, legal notices announcing project information will be published in the *Ithaca Journal*, our newspaper of record.

The Schedule lists projects by name, location, and a brief description of the proposal. Also included is the scoping date (which indicates when public participation began or will begin), decision date, and the expected implementation date.

Analysis which supports any decision is documented in either an Environmental Assessment (EA), or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Proposals which have been "categorically excluded" from documentation in an EA or EIS are supported by project files, which may or may not include a Decision Memo. The analysis and decision documents are kept on file at the Hector Ranger District office and is available for your review.

### **HOW YOU CAN BECOME INVOLVED**

Your participation is important. Read through the list of proposed projects. If you want to provide site-specific comments on a project, get more information, or be placed on a project mailing list, either write or call using 1) the contacts listed at the end of the Schedule or; 2) the project contact included for the specific project of your interest. A generic statement of interest in all projects based on your review of this Schedule is not specific enough. It is only through site-specific input that we can be responsive to and incorporate your concerns into project development.

Walk in Requests: Requests from the public occasionally require that the environmental analysis be completed with a short turnaround time. This means that the analyses may be conducted and decisions made without prior listing in this Schedule. Efforts for public input for such requests will be conducted as applicable in accordance to regulations. An example of a walk-in request would be a short-term special use permit for a recreation event on the forest.

### **VISIT US ON OUR WEBSITE**

For more information about planning or projects on the Finger Lakes National Forest you may visit our website at:

[http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/project\\_list.php?forest=110920](http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/project_list.php?forest=110920)

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## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2015 to 12/31/2015

### Finger Lakes National Forest - Hector Ranger District

This report contains the best available information at the time of publication. Questions may be directed to the Project Contact.

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
<b>Finger Lakes National Forest</b>		<b>Hector Ranger District</b>			<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Blueberry Patch North Wetland Restoration</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/30/2015	Expected:10/2015	06/2016	Therese Quintana 802-747-6742 taquintanajones@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Restore wetland function to a drained swamp white oak swamp north of Blueberry Patch Campground by dismantling a drainage ditch, burying non-native invasive plants, and restoring pit and mound topography.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=47344">http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=47344</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hector Ranger District. STATE - New York. COUNTY - Schuyler. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Hector.					
<b>Sawmill Creek Wetland Restoration</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2015	Expected:12/2015	06/2016	Diane Burbank 802-388-4362 x116 dburbank@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Enhance wetland function and reduce erosion around a recovering wetland by re-establishing original wetland outlet and dimensions, dismantling old drainage ditches, and reducing flow through a failing culvert draining into a deeply eroding gully.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=47345">http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=47345</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hector Ranger District. STATE - New York. COUNTY - Schuyler. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Hector.					
<b>Teeter and Foster Ponds Water Control Structure Replacement</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/30/2015	Expected:10/2015	10/2015	Jodie Vanselow 607-546-4470 jvanselow@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Replace failing water control structures for Foster and Teeter ponds. This work may require the ponds to be drained, existing structures to be removed, new structures and piping installed, and the dams to be rebuilt.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=47324">http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=47324</a>				
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## Finger Lakes National Forest, Hector, New York

# Forest Happenings!!

Caring for the Land and Serving People

### Fall Happenings - 2015

*That is what learning is. You suddenly understand something you've understood all your life, but in a new way. – Doris Lessing*

**Welcome...** Carla Sheldon (reported September 8)



Carla Sheldon is our new Support Services Specialist. Originally from Connecticut and a veteran of the US Navy, she holds an Associate Degree in Human Services from Quinnebaug Valley Community College and a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Social Applied Science from Eastern CT State University. She joined the Forest Service in November of 2011 and worked at Boxelder Job Corps in Nemo, SD for three years before taking a promotional opportunity at the Bridger-Teton National Forest.

She is very excited to have been selected for the position in the Finger Lakes National Forest and to be back on the east coast and closer to family. Carla started with the Finger Lakes National Forest on September 8.

**Welcome...** Lamont "Travis" Sauerwald (reported October 5)

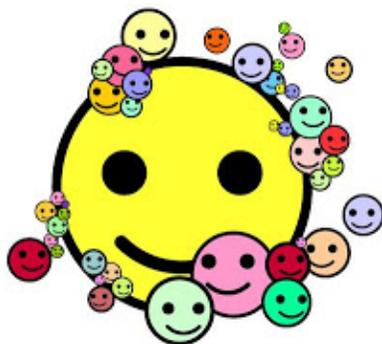


Travis is our new Forestry Technician, and comes to us from the Manchester Ranger District from the Green Mountain side of the Forests, where we has worked as a seasonal Forestry Technician for the past two years. Travis has a variety of experience in conservation and natural resources having previously worked for an environmental non-profit, the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, the Maryland Conservation Corps and several environmental volunteer groups. He has an associate's degree in criminal justice and is currently working on a bachelor's in environmental science.

Welcome... Greg Flood (reports November 1)

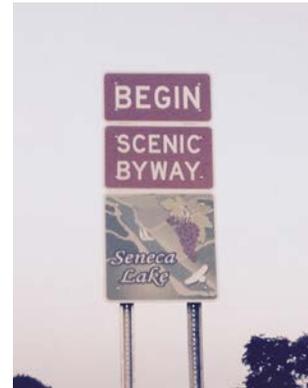


Greg is our new Wildlife Biologist! Growing up in north central Pennsylvania, Greg developed a love for wildlife while spending time at their cabin in Lycoming County. This love turned into a passion and a desire to manage lands for wildlife species. He attended California University of Pennsylvania majoring in Environmental Studies with a concentration in Wildlife Biology. After graduation Greg held seasonal positions with the PA Game Commission as a Biologist Aide, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture as a field/lab assistant inspecting orchard trees for viruses and disease, and the Huron-Manistee National Forest, Huron Shores Ranger Station as a seasonal wildlife technician. Greg also has a Master Degree in Wildlife.



**We are all very excited to have a full staff again!**

## SR 414 Scenic Byway Signs...



Those travelling between Watkins Glen and Lodi along State Route 414 may have noticed some news signs that have popped up along the road. In August 2012, an 18 mile stretch of State Route 414 was designated a Scenic Byway. By definition, a scenic byway is “representative of a region’s scenic, recreational, cultural, natural, historic or archeological significance.” The Hector Ranger District Office is located within the section of the Scenic Byway, as well as National Forest land at Caywood Point. Well worth the drive – just watch out for Deer and the Winery Visitors.

## Great Lakes Basin Fish Habitat Partnership (GLBFHP) Completes Grant

In 2011, the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWF) received a grant from the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to ... “Restore in-stream and riparian habitat in the Seneca Lake and Cayuga Lake watershed, located in Seneca and Schulyer Counties, New York. Restoration would occur on public lands located within the Seneca and Cayuga Lake watershed on the Finger Lakes National Forest and surrounding private lands.” This grant was completed thru the “Great Lakes Basin Fish Habitat Partnership” which included the NWF, Finger Lakes National Forest (FLNF), USFWS, Hobart &

William Smith Colleges, Schuyler County Soil and Water Conservation District and several private landowners.

From August 2012 thru April 2015, the GLBFHP accomplished the following:

- Enhanced water quality and fish habitat through installation of 2,030 feet of rip rap stabilization and 3,880 feet of riparian planting.
- Installed fencing along 5.5 miles of stream to exclude livestock and create approximately 31.5 acres of riparian buffet.
- Treated non-native invasive plants on 85 acres.
- Improved six stock ponds to exclude cattle and enhance water quality.
- Partners contributed a total of \$211,740 in match towards the agreement.

Additional accomplishments by GLBFHP partners not outlined in the original agreement included the following:

- The FLNF installed approximately 2,180 linear feet of fencing around two stock ponds in 2012 to protect water quality. (Total Cost: \$6,090)
- The NWTF purchased a towable auger for the FLNF to use for riparian fencing and tree planting. (Total Cost: \$5,378.91)
- The NWTF purchased fencing supplies for the FLNF to use to maintain riparian fencing. (Total Cost: \$2,621.09)
- The NWTF purchased fencing supplies to protect American elm trees planted in Ballard Pasture (FLNF) as part of an Arbor Day event. (Total Cost: \$241.76)

The grant obtained by the NWTF and completed thru the partnership will have a lasting effect, not only on National Forest lands but private as well.

## Range



Another grazing season winds down on the Forest, capping a busy and productive season for grasslands. A wet early summer turned to dry, ending with only sporadic rain events in the months of August and September.

In addition to grazing the pastures at normal capacity, crews have been busy mowing in the pastures. After successful completion of bird surveys to ensure any rare nesting birds would not be disturbed by mowing, crews began mowing pastures in late July.

Additional mowing picked up in mid to late August resulting in just over 1,300 acres being mowed. The mowing helps to control woody brush that is not controlled through grazing, as well as to keep grasses and legumes productive.

Fence repair, pond and trough repair, and a new corral in Johnson pasture are other improvements that have taken place over the summer. Roundup begins in mid-October, so beware of active cattle moving operations in or around the Forest.

As always, if you see cattle not in a pasture, call the Hector Ranger District to relay the information. Cow size, color, and location by roads and intersections is helpful.

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## Timber and Forest Health

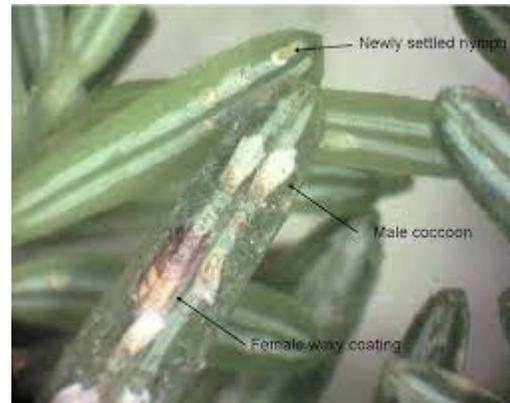
A good percentage of spring plantings have made it through the summer! The riparian elm restoration plantings saw continued care from Northern Research Station staff and interns. The Butternut seed orchard in the Cook grassland off of Searsburg road also has initial survival rates at near 100%.



Butternut Seed Orchard

The seed orchard has been mowed once already this year and has a new (albeit small) sign that describes what is happening behind that tall fence. Staff will be mowing the seed orchard one more time in preparation for more grafts next spring.

Treatments for the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) have been ongoing throughout the summer and further treatments are planned for this fall on the HWA infestation currently found in the Sawmill Creek drainage. Monitoring of past HWA treatments at Caywood point has unfortunately shown another Hemlock pest, the Elongate Hemlock Scale.



### Elongate Scale insect

Elongate scale, as it is called, is a type of hard “scale” insect that attaches itself to the underside of Hemlock needles. Elongate scale generally does not kill Hemlocks alone, but acts as a further agent to weaken trees already stressed from HWA. The presence of scale will be considered in HWA treatments moving forward.

For more information on Elongate scale, see this Pest Alert:

[http://www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/pubs/pest\\_al/ehscale/ehscale.htm](http://www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/pubs/pest_al/ehscale/ehscale.htm)

### FLNF-Cornell University HWA Agreement

Hemlocks trees in the Finger Lakes region have a brightening future, as the Finger Lakes National Forest is in discussions with Cornell University and Cornell Cooperative Extension about building a partnership to prioritize and strategize the treatment of HWA on Hemlocks in tributaries of the Great Lakes Watershed.

With funding from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (<http://greatlakesrestoration.us/>), the Finger Lakes National Forest will be setting up a partnership agreement with Cornell to best protect Hemlocks not only on the National Forest, but on other regional private and public lands. More information will be available in the near future.

For more information on Forest Health and Timber Management, contact Tim Noon at 607-546-4470 ext. 316.



## Recreation – Special Use Permits

Thought we would take a minute to outline some of the Recreation Special Use Permits that occurred on the Forest this past summer.

### ***Finger Lakes 50s***

The “Finger Lakes 50s” is an annual running race that occurs over July 4th weekend. This year marked the 27th annual run which consists of a 25K, 50K and 50 mile race that covers nearly all the trails on the Forest multiple times. This race continues to gain popularity year after year, with registration (capped at 250 runners) being reached within 9 hours of opening!



Photo by: John Zachary

### ***Central New York (CNY) Orienteering***

In July the CNY Orienteering Group held a 24-Hour Rogaine event, which is a form of orienteering where teams of 2-5 persons try and visit on foot as many numbered marked location as possible within the allotted time interval. 50 to 60 checkpoints were scattered throughout the Forest, and teams competed over a 6 hr, 12 hr or

24 hr period consisting of running and resting stages. From the looks on faces, this was a very popular and fun event.



Photo by: Western Pennsylvania Orienteering

### ***Burnt Hill Endurance Ride***



In early September the Forest was the site of the “Burnt Hill Endurance Ride” which consisted of a 25 mile and 50 mile endurance ride on the multi-users trails and road system thru the Forest. Although the event did see some rain in the afternoon, trail conditions were relatively dry for the most part and an enjoyable experience for those who participated. For many the goal was

to finish, as this event is truly not only an endurance test for the Horse, but riders as well.

## Recreation

### Camping

Backbone Horse Camp is now open only to horse users until Monday October 12th (Columbus Day.) Campers are reminded to be courteous to hikers accessing the Backbone trail through the horse camp, and to promote proper land stewardship by packing in what you pack out.

Blueberry Patch Campground will be receiving a new fee tube in light of recent vandalism and theft. Campground fees are used directly on site to maintain accessibility, function, and safety of campgrounds as well as to improve visitor services. Campers are encouraged to report any suspicious activities in proximity of the fee tube to the Hector Ranger District office.

### Trails

**GIVE INVASIVE SPECIES THE BRUSH OFF**  
Shoes can carry the seeds of invasive plants. Please brush them off before entering and leaving this area.

**What's The Problem?**  
Invasive species and plant parts are carried from one place to another on our shoes, hiking gear, or bike tires.  
Invasive species (non-native plants) in a new native (sensitive) plant—can of water that water accidentally or intentionally introduced to New York.  
Invasive species grow well. In some high conditions and replace native vegetation in a wide range of environments. It spreads into dense stands of grass that prevent desirable vegetation from growing.  
Invasive species in a sensitive forest in New York Park and may reduce forest's ability to sustain forest.

**Other Invasive Plants On The Move...**

- Black and gold ragwort** (Ranunculus sp.)  
Black and gold ragwort are members of the buttercup family. They are toxic to animals such as monarch butterflies and fish. These plants are highly invasive and spreading.
- Wild geranium** (Geranium sp.)  
Wild geranium can grow from where it is introduced. It is the presence of multiple (polyphagous).
- Garlic mustard** (Alliaria petiolata)  
Garlic mustard (Alliaria petiolata) is a highly invasive species that displaces native plants and is a significant threat to forested natural areas.

**STOP INVASIVE SPECIES IN YOUR TRACKS.**  
Play Clean Go  
Clean Your Gear Before Entering And Before Leaving This Site  
USDA, Forest Land Stewardship, PRISM, Department of Environmental Conservation

Forest Visitors hiking on the trails this fall will soon see “Boot Brush” signs along a few of our key trailheads and intersections.

These signs are being installed in an effort to help stop the spread of invasive plants, from one infected area to another. Shoes, hiking gear, bike and vehicles tires can carry non-native invasive species seed and plant parts. By giving them the “brush off” forest visitors will be able to help slow the spread.

## Backbone Horse Camp Pond

Visitors to Backbone Horse Camp may also notice a new frost free hydrant just north of the camp on the Backbone trail. This hydrant is fed by the small pond to the east. Water is NOT potable (i.e. it is not safe for human consumption), but does provide a source of water for horse users. At this time, users will need their own watering bucket, but are welcome to fill from the hydrant. The hydrant was installed to preclude horse users from watering horses directly in the pond, which can cause decreased water quality.

## Backbone Trail work days

Following a successful volunteer trail work day this summer, FLNF staff will be seeking more volunteers to assist the Burnt Hill Rides group’s trail efforts on the Backbone Trail north of the horse camp. If you’re interested in volunteering for a Saturday of trail work, call the FLNF office: 607-5464470.

## Wildlife

### Pheasants to be released

We are happy to announce that the NY Department of Environmental Conservation (NY DEC) plans to release pheasants on the Forest this Fall. Stocking could start as early as October 15th and go thru the first week of November. So keep an eye out in our large grasslands. Season opens October 17th.



## **Safety...**

As the change of season is upon us, from summer to fall let us begin to make preparations with safety in mind. When outside raking leaves remember to take frequent breaks to avoid back injuries. The sun can be hot during the fall months with cloudless skies so remember to stay hydrated. An important reminder is to evaluate the trees on your property. Some might have “widow makers” or broken branches near wires that should be taken down before the ice and snow.

Start to prepare your vehicle for snow and remember the safety emergency kit that should be stored in the trunk during winter months. It is important to include a shovel, jumper cables, extra coat, mittens, snacks and water. A working flashlight should also be a part of your emergency kit.

Remember safety has a well thought out plan. Don't wait to be in a situation of emergency or property damage. Take some steps to insure you have a wonderful fall and winter season.

## **From the Ranger...**

What a summer, probably the busiest one that the Forest has had in a long time, which could be from the staffing shortages we have experienced. However, we will soon be back up to full staff and moving forward doing great work once again!

The Fall is a beautiful time of year to visit the National Forest and enjoy the changing colors and the cooler days. So I encourage you all to get out and visit your National Forest. You never know what you might find!

## Green / Sustainability Tip...

Eco-driving is a series of efficient driving practices, including idling reduction. It is relatively new to the United States. In Europe, and other countries where fuel prices are two to three times higher, eco-driving has for years been a well-established practice, as it can save motorists significant sums of money annually. Eco-driving also reduces carbon emissions that improve our health, conserve energy and improve the environment.

### 10 ECO-DRIVING TIPS THAT CAN RESULT IN BEING 24% MORE FUEL EFFICIENT!

- 1. Slow down and watch speed.** Drive 55-60 miles per hour instead of 65 to save fuel. EPA estimates an up to 15 percent improvement in fuel economy by following this tip. Also, aim for a constant speed. Pumping the accelerator sends more fuel into the engine. Using cruise control whenever possible on the highway helps maintain speeds and conserve fuel.
- 2. Accelerate and brake smoothly.** Accelerating smoothly from a stop and braking softly conserves fuel. Fast starts, weaving in and out of traffic and hard braking wastes fuel and wears out some of the car components, such as brakes and tires, more quickly. Maximize your vehicle's momentum by maintaining a safe distance between vehicles and anticipating traffic conditions to allow for more time to brake and accelerate gradually.
- 3. Avoid excessive idling when parked.** Idling wastes fuel, causes engine wear, and can cause respiratory illnesses. Limit stationary warm ups to 30 seconds when possible (make sure defrosting is adequate). Driving gently is the most efficient way to warm up. If you're parked in town, idling for more than 10 seconds uses more fuel than shutting off and restarting. In Vermont, allowing a vehicle to idle while unattended in public is in violation of Vermont's unattended motor vehicle law; if you leave your vehicle, you must shut it off.
- 4. Check your tires.** Keep tires properly inflated to the recommended tire pressure. This alone can reduce the average amount of fuel use by 3-4 percent. Under-inflated tires increase rolling resistance and reduce fuel economy. They also wear out more rapidly. Check the vehicle's door-post sticker for minimum cold tire inflation pressure.
- 5. Be kind to your vehicle.** Maintain proper engine tune-up to keep vehicles running efficiently. Keep the wheels aligned. Wheels that are fighting each other waste fuel. Replace air filters as recommended. Use a fuel with good detergent additives to keep the vehicle engine clean and performing efficiently. Always consult the Owner's Manual for proper maintenance.
- 6. Travel light.** Unnecessary weight, such as unneeded items in the trunk and a lot of luggage on the roof rack, makes the engine work harder and consumes more fuel.
- 7. Minimize use of heater and air conditioning.** Use heating and air conditioning selectively to reduce the load on the engine. Decreasing your usage of the air conditioner when temperatures are above 80 degrees can help you save 10-15 percent of fuel. Use the vent setting as much as possible. Park in the shade to keep car cool and reduce the need for air conditioning.
- 8. Close windows at highway speeds.** Don't drive with the windows open unless you keep your speed under 50 mph. Driving with the windows open at highway speeds increases aerodynamic drag on the vehicle and lowers fuel economy.
- 9. Consolidate trips.** Plan ahead to consolidate your trips. This will enable you to bypass congested routes, lead to less idling, fewer start-ups and less stop-and-go traffic. Whenever possible, share a ride, carpool, or use public transportation.
- 10. Install a fuel-saving app on your smart phone. SAFETY FIRST** - do not let these apps distract from watching the road!

## Just for Fun – Just for Kids!

Many things are happening in a fall forest! Unscramble each word and draw a line connecting it to the sentence where it belongs.

\_\_\_\_\_turn bright colors.

GRIMTEA

Oak trees are full of\_\_\_\_\_.

BRIENTAEH

Male deer fight each other with their\_\_\_\_\_.

SKUTREY

You can find \_\_\_\_\_ on a Thanksgiving table – or living wild in the forest.

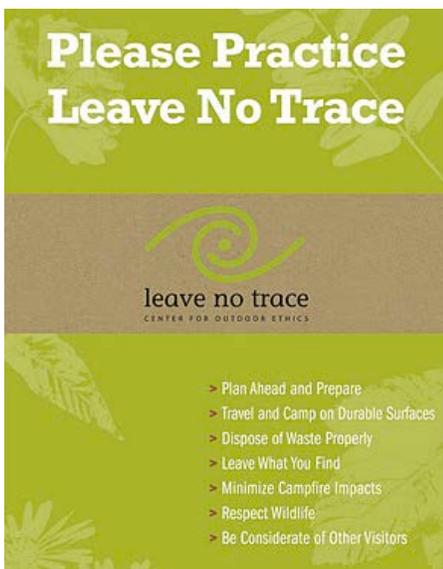
VELSA

Many birds and butterflies\_\_\_\_\_south for the winter, and other birds come to visit.

RESNTAL

Many other animals get ready to\_\_\_\_\_underground or underwater.

SNACOR



“Leave No Trace” is a set of seven principles that individuals are encouraged to follow when recreating outdoors:

- Plan Ahead and Prepare
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
- Dispose of Waste Properly
- Leave What You Find
- Minimize Campfire Impacts
- Respect Wildlife
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors

We will be presenting more information on each of these principles from time to time in this news letters. What follows is Principle 6 – Respect Wildlife.

## Leave No Trace...Respect Wildlife

We most often hear about ways to avoid the attentions of hungry or aggressive bears while hiking and camping. But even in places without resident bears, other wildlife should be respected – for its safety and yours.

Tips for keeping wildlife wild in wildlands...

**Don't approach or harass wildlife.** This disrupts its constant struggle for survival, and may frighten it into abandoning critical food sources or habitats. Animals with young are especially vulnerable – and sometimes especially defensive.

**Keep food and trash out of reach.** Anything which smells edible attracts animals which will do all they can to get it. Coyotes, raccoons, skunks, squirrels, and mice can destroy camping gear, scratch, bite, spread disease, and otherwise ruin a trip. Don't keep food or trash in tents or leave it unattended. Store it as securely as possible, in a "bear proof" container (when available), hanging bag, or car. Take out everything you brought in.

**Don't feed wildlife.** Animals – including birds such as gulls, crows, and geese -- which associate humans with food handouts may aggressively demand them from later visitors, often becoming a dangerous nuisance which must be relocated or killed. Animals may be sickened by human food, or become dependent on it instead of their more reliable or nutritious natural diet.

**Keep your dog leashed and controlled.** A canine encounter with a skunk, porcupine, moose, or rabid animal is bad for everyone. Dogs running through vegetation can also kill wildlife, such as ground-nesting birds, and damage sources of food and shelter.

**Protect water sources.** When camping, pour out wastewater from dishwashing at least 200 feet from any waterway. In areas without outhouses, bury human waste in "cat holes" 6-8 inches deep at least 200 feet away as well. Bury or carry out pet waste, and carry out all trash. The water which you drink is also drunk by many animals – and home to others.

For more information on Leave No Trace practices, visit <https://lnt.org/>