



Leave No Trace Ethics

Practice the “Leave No-Trace” (LNT) ethic. Follow the

LNT principles:

- I. Plan Ahead and Prepare
- II. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
- III. Dispose of Waste Properly
- IV. Leave What You Find
- V. Minimize Campfire Impacts
- VI. Respect Wildlife
- VII. Be Considerate of Other Visitors

CAMPING

- ✓ Camp out of view from major roads and trails, where possible.
- ✓ Camp at least 100 feet away from shorelines of lakes and streams.
- ✓ Avoid trenching around sleeping areas.
- ✓ Use camp stoves to help conserve ground cover resources

WATER

Streams and lakes are home to many microscopic organisms; some of them can make you very sick. Don't take a chance; treat your water or bring water from home... and, of course, never clean fish or dishes in a stream or lake.



Stop the Spread of Noxious Weeds!

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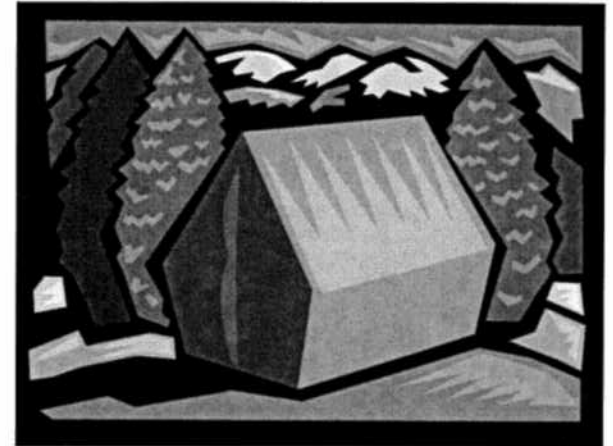
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Camping Outside Campgrounds

Rules for Camping in Dispersed Sites



**Gifford Pinchot
 National Forest**

What you need to know about camping outside of campgrounds.

The following rules apply to anyone camping outside of developed campgrounds on the National Forest. Dispersed camping is permitted throughout most of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. By observing these simple regulations your stay will be safe and fun.

® Regulations:

The following rules are enforceable by up to a \$500 fine or up to 6-month imprisonment, or both:

CAMPING

- ® After 14 days, you are required to move at least 5 miles away.
- ® Locate your camping spot outside of fragile meadows and restricted areas, and preferably on bare or mineral soil.



- ® Always "PACK IT OUT!" (Take your garbage and trash with you when you leave)
- ® Leave your campsite cleaner than you found it. Clean up and remove any trash, manure, hay and straw before leaving.

FIRE PREVENTION

- ® You should have a bucket, shovel, and axe available to control or extinguish escaped fire. Never leave a fire unattended. Do not burn trash in fire.
- ® Use an existing fire ring where available. If you need one, build it small and in a safe place and not under overhanging branches.
- ® Gather only dead and down wood for your campfire. Never cut live trees. (A firewood permit is required to remove wood from the Forest.)



- ® Remember Smokey's Message: "Prevent Forest Fires" Be sure your fire is DEAD OUT before you leave -- drown it, turn it, stir it until it's cool to the touch - including charcoal.

HUMAN WASTE

- ® If there are no toilets available, choose a suitable, screened spot at least 100 feet away from any stream or lake. Dig a small hole about 6 inches deep by 8 inches in diameter. After use, fill the hole with soil and replace the duff. This allows the waste to decompose naturally. Bury toilet paper in the same hole.



- ® Empty built-in or portable toilets at sanitary dump stations.

