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## National Park Service™ CENTENNIAL

The National Park Service and the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics have partnered for over two decades to ensure that every person who visits a park has the opportunity to learn about and put Leave No Trace into action.

Leave No Trace protects the outdoors by teaching people to enjoy trails, parks and open space responsibly. Visit [www.LNT.org](http://www.LNT.org) to learn more about Leave No Trace in Every Park, the Center's new national campaign to ensure that parks continue to thrive because people understand what it means to take care of them: **#InEveryPark**





Celebrate 100 years of the National Park Service  
by practicing these Leave No Trace principles:

### **Know Before You Go**

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- Be prepared! Learn about the areas you plan to visit. Bring food, water, a map, and clothes to protect you from cold, heat and rain.

### **Stick to Trails & Overnight Right**

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- Walk or ride on designated trails to protect trailside plants.
- Camp only in established or designated sites to avoid damaging vegetation.

### **Trash Your Trash**

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- Pack it in, pack it out! Put litter – even crumbs, peels or cores – in garbage bags and carry it home. Recycle whenever possible.
- Use bathrooms or outhouses when available. If not available, bury human waste in a small hole, 6-8 inches deep and 100 big steps from any water.
- Keep water clean. Do not put soap, food, human or pet waste in any water source.

### **Leave It As You Find It**

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- Leave plants, rocks and historical items as you find them for others to enjoy.
- Inspect and clean equipment between trips to stop the spread of invasive species.

### **Be Careful With Fire**

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- Check local campfire and firewood regulations. Use existing fire rings, keep fires small, and avoid burning trash or food.
- Make sure your fire is completely out before you leave.

### **Keep Wildlife Wild**

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- Observe wildlife from a distance and never approach, feed or follow them.
- Properly store all food, trash and other smellable items.

### **Share Our Trails**

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- Be considerate when passing others on the trail.
- Be sure the fun you have outdoors does not bother anyone else.

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