



Go, Enjoy, And Leave No Trace!

You've found the perfect backpack, protected your feet from blisters, and loaded up the Scout Basic Essentials.

Follow the principles of Leave No Trace and you can be sure you're also conducting every Scout adventure in ways that respect the environment, protect wildlife, and do no harm to the land. The Boy Scout Handbook, Fieldbook, and other BSA literature offer detailed discussions of Leave No Trace principles. Here's a quick review:



Plan Ahead and Prepare

Research your destination. Know the regulations and be ready when you get there.



Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces

Stay on trails and use existing campsites whenever you can.



Dispose of Waste Properly

There are safe ways to get rid of dishwater and human waste. Use them.



Leave What You Find

Future visitors will want to enjoy the same environment you do. Help them out.



Minimize Campfire Impacts

Follow local guidelines on when and how to use open fires. Camp stoves are always a good option.



Respect Wildlife

Give animals the space and quiet they need to stay safe.



Be Considerate of Other Visitors

A Scout is Courteous and Kind. Be aware of others on the trail and in campgrounds, and show them that Scouts know how to behave.