

LEAVE NO TRACE #7

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Personal preferences of campers range from high-tech outdoor travelers, who might want to listen to music and collect images on their devices, to an anti-tech perspective that favors a minimal use of gadgets. Be sure to thoroughly consider how your experience is affecting the way someone else enjoys the outdoors. For example, earbuds may be a less obtrusive way to enjoy music than external speakers, but if you have the volume turned so high that you can't hear someone behind you who wants to pass, your music will negatively affect other people.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHER VISITORS?

One of the most important components of outdoor ethics is to maintain courtesy toward other visitors. It helps everyone enjoy their outdoor experience. Many people

come to the outdoors to listen to nature. Excessive noise, uncontrolled pets, and damaged surroundings take away from the natural appeal of the outdoors.

Hiking

The general assumption on a narrow trail is that hikers headed downhill will step aside to allow an uphill foot traveler to easily pass. In many places, there's an expectation that bicyclists will yield to hikers on trails. Stay in control when mountain biking. Before passing others, politely announce your presence and proceed with caution.



“Take care, be kind, be considerate of other people and other species, and be loving”

-John Lithgow



THE 3 PRESUMPTIONS OF BEING CONSIDERATE...

1. Presume that others on the trail want to see as little human activity as possible
2. Presume that your activity will interrupt others' activities
3. Presume that other's motives are different from yours

