



# WITHOUT A TRACE

## The Wilderness Challenge



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... my personal answer  
to the wilderness challenge

I WILL

I DID

### PLAN AHEAD TO AVOID IMPACT

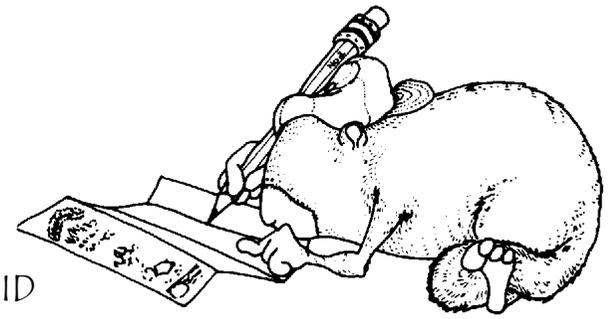
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|---|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Avoid holidays and weekends                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel and camp in small family-sized groups     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carry horse feed, picket ropes, hobbles          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Repackage food to reduce containers              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take a litterbag to carry out all refuse         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carry a stove and foods requiring little cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buy only gear in subdued forest colors           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Check with Ranger Station for low-use areas      | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### TRAVEL TO AVOID IMPACTS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Walk single file in center of trail                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stay on main trail even if wet or snow-covered       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Never short-cut switchbacks                          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel cross-country only on rocky or timbered areas | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Look at and photograph, never pick or collect        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Avoid popular areas                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### MAKE NO-TRACE CAMPS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Seek ridgetop or timbered campsites                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choose well-drained, rocky, or sandy campsites        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Never cut standing trees                              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Avoid leveling or digging hip holes and trenches      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make only small safe campfires in safe areas          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carry small firewood from timbered areas outside camp | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make camp 200 feet away from shore areas              | <input type="checkbox"/> |



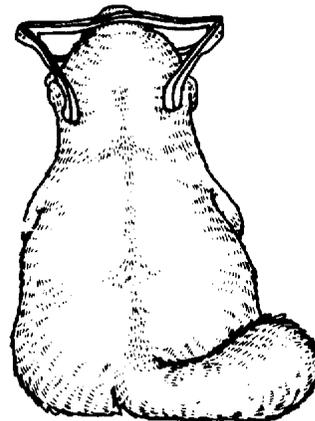
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Use lightweight, soft shoes - avoid trampling vegetation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wash 100 feet away from water sources                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Use biodegradable soaps                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bury human waste or fish entrails 6 inches deep          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Picket and hobble horses 200 feet from camp or water     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rotate horses through grazing area                       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Avoid even temporary tying of horses to small trees      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stay as quiet as possible and enjoy the quietness        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leave radios and tape players at home                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leave my dog at home                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### LEAVE A NO-TRACE CAMPSITE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pick up every trace of litter                     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Erase all signs of a fire                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scatter horse manure, fill in pawed holes         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Replace rocks and logs where they were            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack out litter, mine and theirs                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Report significant information to Ranger Station  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Look for signs of my passing. Did I leave traces? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Apply the no-trace ethic elsewhere                | <input type="checkbox"/> |



Signed

*A concerned Wilderness visitor*

# WITHOUT A TRACE

In years past we used to speak of wilderness survival as the ability of man to survive the wilderness. Now we speak of wilderness survival as the land's capability of surviving man.

What can we all do to protect the wilderness?

In this example, many permanent traces of man's use are depicted. Can you think of some other, all-too-common scenes that you have observed, maybe contributed to?

After you pass, will the wilderness remain as it was? Will you make the No-Trace Ethic your personal challenge?

