



Wilderness Code of Ethics

Stewardship of resources and protection of the environment are both essential to preserve the quality of the experiences which we value so highly. As more people take advantage of outdoor recreation, the level of protection must increase or the experience will deteriorate.

All wilderness users have four obligations:

- **Manage Waste:** eliminate adding solid waste to the wilderness by carrying in less, and carrying out that which you carried in.
- **Tread Lightly:** eliminate all visible signs of passage, and avoid contact with wildlife.
- **Natural and Cultural Resources:** treat protected areas, private property, other cultures and other users with respect.
- **Education/Advocacy:** educate yourself, volunteer your time, and ensure that all who will listen hear what you value in the wilderness.

Enjoy yourself in the wilderness, but protect it for the enjoyment of all, and for its own sake!