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## LEAVING A GOOD IMPRESSION THE TREAD LIGHTLY! WAY

To leave a good impression you need the right information. In an age where outdoor recreation is the sport of choice, it is our responsibility to exercise responsible outdoor practices. Tread Lightly!<sup>®</sup>, Inc.'s sole purpose is to educate recreationists how to respect and conserve the great outdoors. We can prevent the deterioration of our land and water resources through education. If we increase public awareness and encourage responsible outdoor practices our great outdoors will be available for us to enjoy in years to come.

## WHAT IS TREAD LIGHTLY!?

Tread Lightly! is an educational program dedicated to increase awareness of how to enjoy the great outdoors with minimum impact. It emphasizes responsible use of off-highway vehicles, other forms of travel, and low impact principles related to outdoor recreational activities. It is a long-term, information program designed to increase the public's awareness that special care of the outdoors must be exercised by recreationists if such opportunities are to continue.

Tread Lightly! was launched in 1985 by the U.S. Forest Service to help protect public and private lands. Shortly thereafter, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management adopted the program. To maximize its effectiveness, program responsibilities were transferred to the private sector in 1990, making Tread Lightly! a nonprofit organization.

Over the years, the program has steadily added new dimensions to meet the needs of all types of outdoor enthusiasts. Most recently, the program's message was expanded to include the promotion of responsible water based recreational activities. These changes brought the National Park Service, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on board as additional federal partners.

Tread Lightly! unites a broad spectrum of federal and state governmental agencies, manufacturers of recreational products, media, enthusiast groups, and concerned individuals who share a common goal — care for natural resources. Through education and restoration, Tread Lightly! empowers generations to enjoy the outdoors responsibly.

Tread Lightly!'s message now reaches an international audience of outdoor recreationists. Through the services of Tread Lightly!, recreationists learn that opportunities to use the outdoors tomorrow depends on how they recreate today.

## TREAD LIGHTLY! ACHIEVES ITS GOALS TO EDUCATE OUTDOOR RECREATIONISTS IN SEVERAL WAYS.

- ▶ First, Tread Lightly! develops and distributes educational materials to outdoor enthusiasts. These materials are listed in the back of this booklet. The materials are geared to different users: four wheel driving, ATV riding, mountain biking, snowmobiling, trailbiking, etc. Educational activities for elementary age students and curriculums for junior high and high school students are available. There are also decals, apparel, vehicle accessories, and souvenirs to help spread the message.
- ▶ Second, it works with the media to get the message out to everyone who enjoys the outdoors.
- ▶ Third, it works with the manufacturers and suppliers to various outdoor recreation markets and public service agencies to assure that advertising and promotional programs take an enlightened stance on responsible land use. Advertising products, along with advertising guidelines, are available to help teach and promote responsible recreation.

**The message is simple: Conserve our environment!** Make the commitment to follow Tread Lightly! principles as summarized in the Tread Pledge:

Travel and recreate with minimum impact

Respect the environment and the rights of others

Educate yourself, plan and prepare before you go

Allow for future use of the outdoors, leave it better than you found it

Discover the rewards of responsible recreation



## THE TREAD LIGHTLY! PRINCIPLES

To better understand and use the Tread Lightly! principles, the following is an overview of each principle.

### TRAVEL AND RECREATE WITH MINIMUM IMPACT

Everyone has an impact on the land in which they choose to recreate. By committing to travel and recreate with minimum impact you will conserve the land, plants, and animals, which you enjoy.

- ▶ Travel only on land or water areas that are open to your type of recreation.
- ▶ Travel only on routes designated for motorized use.
- ▶ Do not create new routes or expand existing trails. Most trails and routes are designed to withstand the effects of recreational use. Resist the urge to create new ones.
- ▶ Avoid sensitive areas, like stream banks, lake shores and meadows.
- ▶ Cross streams only at fords where the road or trail intersects the stream.
- ▶ Keep your vehicle well-maintained and tuned. Excessive emissions, leaking fuel and dripping oil are expensive problems and pollute the environment.
- ▶ By understanding and practicing proper techniques, recreationists of all kinds will be able to reduce the impact they might otherwise have on the environment.

### RESPECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS

By respecting land and water resources, wildlife, and the rights of others, you ensure that you will not only be able to continue to recreate, but that others will also be able to enjoy the great outdoors.

- ▶ Respect and be considerate of other users so that all can enjoy a quality experience in the outdoors.
- ▶ When driving, yield to horses, hikers, and bikers. If using a personal watercraft, be cautious around canoes, kayaks, and other boats.
- ▶ Respect wildlife. Be sensitive to their life-sustaining needs by keeping your distance.
- ▶ Comply with signage.

- ▶ Always obtain permission to cross private land.
- ▶ Remember designated wilderness areas are reserved for travel by foot and horse only.
- ▶ Honor all gates, fences, and barriers that are there to protect our natural resources, wildlife, and livestock.

## **EDUCATE YOURSELF, PLAN AND PREPARE BEFORE YOU GO**

Before heading out on your next backcountry adventure, a little preparation and education can make your life easier and safer, while protecting the environment. Planning for the unexpected, as well as the expected, can help maximize your time in the backcountry and minimize your problems. Plan your trip well in advance— 30 days isn't too early.

- ▶ Know local laws and regulations.
- ▶ Know which areas and routes are open for your type of recreation.
- ▶ Have the right information, maps, and equipment to make your trip safe; know how to use them.
- ▶ Be sure your vehicle is compatible with road and trail conditions.
- ▶ Land managers can tell you what areas and routes are open for your type of recreation.

## **ALLOW FOR FUTURE USE OF THE OUTDOORS, LEAVE IT BETTER THAN YOU FOUND IT**

With the number of recreationists rapidly growing every year, the repeated and often unintentional misuse of land and waterways can quickly create environmental damage. By using common sense and taking a few precautions, recreationists can assure that the recreational sites they frequent will remain available and in good condition for future use.

- ▶ Take out what you bring in.
- ▶ Properly dispose of waste.
- ▶ Leave what you find.
- ▶ Minimize use of fire.
- ▶ Restore degraded areas.

- ▶ Improper vehicle use can cause damage to vegetation. Stay on designated roadways and trails so that new scars are not established.
- ▶ Avoid sensitive areas at all times. Sensitive areas susceptible to scarring are stream banks, lake shores, and meadows.
- ▶ Ride or hike in the middle of the trail except when on snowmobiles, in order to minimize widening the trail.
- ▶ Clean your vehicle, ATV, off-highway motorcycle, mountain bike, and all your gear right after your trip to avoid the spread of noxious weeds.
- ▶ In deep snow, stay clear of game so that vehicle noise and close proximity do not add stress to animals struggling to survive.

## **DISCOVER THE REWARDS OF RESPONSIBLE RECREATION**

Recreational activities provide the opportunity to get away from it all and to build family traditions. So remember, if you abuse it, you'll probably lose it! Careless impacts on resources can cause damage and may result in closures of your preferred recreational areas. By using common sense and common courtesy, what is available today will be here to enjoy tomorrow.

- ▶ Follow the Tread Lightly! principles.
- ▶ Do all you can to help conserve the beauty and inspiring attributes of our lands and waters for yourself and future generations.

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# BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

The mission of the Bureau of Land Management is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands for use and enjoyment of present and future generations. It oversees the Nation's largest Federal landmass – more than 270 million acres located mostly in the 11 western states and Alaska, including congressionally designated wild and scenic rivers, wilderness areas, and high deserts.



Website: [www.blm.gov](http://www.blm.gov)

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# U. S. FOREST SERVICE

The mission of the U.S. Forest Service is to achieve quality land management under the sustained multiple-use management concept in order to meet diverse needs of citizens of the United States. They manage 191 million acres of national forests and grasslands throughout the lower 48 states and Alaska. These lands offer a variety of recreational opportunities and special areas.



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# U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers is a steward of land and water, on Corps water resources development projects. Its Natural Resources Management Mission is to manage and to conserve natural resources, consistent with ecosystem management principles, while providing quality public outdoor recreational experiences to serve the needs of present and future generations.



**US Army Corps  
of Engineers**

The Corps promotes awareness of environmental values and adheres to sound environmental stewardship, protection, compliance, and restoration practices. They manage for long-term public access to, and use of, natural resources in cooperation with other Federal, State and local agencies as well as the private sector. They conserve natural resources and provide public recreational opportunities that contribute to the quality of American life.

**Website: [www.CorpsLakes.us](http://www.CorpsLakes.us)**

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# NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



Congress established the National Park Service in 1916 to protect the Nation's natural, historical, and cultural resources while providing opportunities for recreation. The National Park Service manages more than 350 national parks, national battlefields, national seashores, national monuments, and national historic sites nationwide and in American trust territories. These areas offer visitors a diverse choice of outdoor recreational and educational experiences.

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# BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Established in 1902, the Bureau of Reclamation is best known for the dams, powerplants, and canals it constructed in 17 western states. These water projects led to homesteading and promoted the economic development of the West. Reclamation has constructed more than 600 dams and reservoirs, including Hoover Dam on the Colorado River and Grand Coulee on the Columbia River.



Reclamation is the largest wholesaler of water in the country and the second largest producer of hydroelectric power in the western United States.

The Bureau of Reclamation brings water to more than 31 million people annually and produces enough electricity to serve 5 million homes. The mission of the Bureau of Reclamation is to manage, develop, and protect water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner in the interest of the American Public.

**Website:** [www.usbr.gov](http://www.usbr.gov)

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Recreation.gov is an interagency web portal sponsored by ten federal partners, providing a single point of access to information about federal recreational sites. It provides a comprehensive source of information on over 3,000 recreational sites owned or managed by federal or other governmental agencies. It offers links through the state tourism portals to other sites with information about non-governmental attractions.

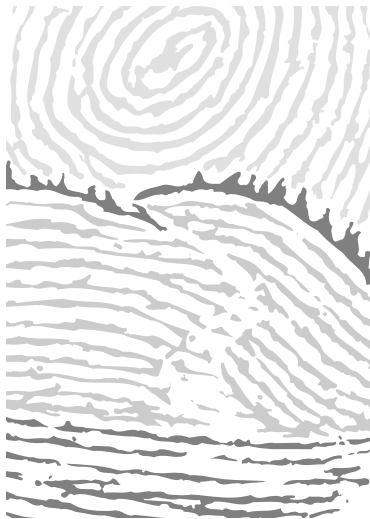
Through recreation.gov, people planning a trip will be able to discover which parks, forests, lakes, museums, and other recreational sites are located near a particular area and/or offer specific recreational activities. Making campground and tour reservations for recreation sites managed by Federal agencies is also available through the site.

**Website:** [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Tread Lightly!, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting the great outdoors through education. Your help through membership contributions enables Tread Lightly! to continue its educational mission. Become a member today. Individual memberships can be obtained for a tax-deductible fee of \$20.00, renewable annually. Tread Lightly! offers Individual, Retailer/Outfitter, Dealer and Club memberships. Each category varies in benefits and contribution levels. Upon joining as an Individual member, you will receive various membership items including a window decal, a copy of Tread Lightly! Trails (our bi-annual newsletter) and tips applicable to your top area of interest. For more information on other membership categories contact Tread Lightly!.

### Individual Membership - \$20.00 Annual Contribution

Please rank your top 3 areas of interest in numeric order

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Biking                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Camping            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Recreation                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking/Backpacking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cross Country/Backcountry Skiing | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Biking       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Four Wheel Driving               | <input type="checkbox"/> ATV Riding         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback Riding                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting            |

Name (individual) \_\_\_\_\_

Name (business or club name) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact individual for business or club \_\_\_\_\_

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## TREAD LIGHTLY! MATERIALS AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU LEAVE A GOOD IMPRESSION

The following Tread Lightly! materials are available from Tread Lightly!, Inc., 298 24th Street, Suite 325, Ogden, UT 84401 or can be ordered online at [www.treadlightly.org](http://www.treadlightly.org) or by calling 1-800-966-9900.

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- Tread Lightly! Guide to Responsible Four Wheel Driving
- Tread Lightly! Guide to Responsible ATV Riding
- Tread Lightly! Guide to Responsible Snowmobiling
- Tread Lightly! Guide to Responsible Trail Biking
- Tread Lightly! Guide to Responsible Personal Watercraft Use
- Tread Lightly! Junior High Curriculum
- Tread Lightly! Science Manual
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- Decals – 4-Wheel Drive, ATV, Boating, Camping, Cross Country/Backcountry Skiing, Fishing, Hiking, Horseback Riding, Hunting, Mountain Bike, Personal Watercraft, Snowmobile, and Trail Bike
- One Page Tips – Camping, Hiking, Horseback Riding, Hunting, Water Recreation, Cross Country/Backcountry Skiing, Fishing
- Coloring/Activity Book
- Apparel – t-shirts, polo shirts, sport caps, etc.
- Vehicle Accessories – bumper & reflective stickers, key rings, Tread Lightly! logo decals, license plate frames
- Tread Lightly! Pledge Hangtag
- Tread Pledge Poster
- Souvenirs – water bottles, travel mugs, litter bags, pencils
- Advertising Products – Public Service Announcements, counter displays
- Pins – 4-Wheel Drive, Trail Bike, Hiker, Horseback, Mountain Bike, Snowmobile, Cross Country/Backcountry Skier
- Outdoor Products – banner, outdoor poster
- Trails Illustrated maps
- Delorme Atlas'

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