



LEAVE NO TRACE *Louisiana Style*

What to Know Before You Geaux

Enjoying Louisiana's beautiful outdoors comes with the responsibility to protect them for others, now and in the future. "Leave No Trace" refers to a set of ethics and practices aimed at minimizing human impact on the natural environment. It emphasizes responsible recreation and stewardship of the outdoors, as well as sustaining natural resources for future generations to enjoy.

Here are seven simple ways to do your part:

1 Plan Ahead and Be Prepared

- Know the rules before you go. Check LDWF regulations, pack the right gear, and be ready for Louisiana's changing weather and terrain.

2 Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces

- Stick to trails, roads, and established campsites to protect plants, soil, and wildlife.

3 Dispose of Waste Properly

- Pack out all trash, leftover food, and fishing line. Leave the outdoors cleaner than you found it.

4 Respect What You Discover

- Enjoy natural and cultural features responsibly. Collect only what is permitted under LDWF rules. Leave everything else, especially historical artifacts, so that others may experience them.

5 Minimize Campfire Impacts

- Use a camp stove when possible. If fires are allowed, use established rings, never leave them unattended, and fully extinguish them.

6 Respect Wildlife

- Observe animals from a distance and never feed them.

7 Be Considerate of Others

- Share the outdoors. Keep noise down, respect hunters, anglers, and other visitors, and help keep the outdoors welcoming for everyone.



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These seven principles are adapted from those established by the national Leave No Trace Center For Outdoor Ethics. Read more about these principles and the initiative at www.LNT.org.



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