

Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics

Plan Ahead and Prepare

- Know the regulations and special concerns for the area you'll visit.
- Prepare for extreme weather, hazards, and emergencies.
- Schedule your trip to avoid times of high use.
- Visit in small groups. Split larger parties into groups of 4-6.
- Repackage food to minimize waste.
- Use a map and compass to eliminate the use of marking paint, rock cairns or flagging.

Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces

- Durable surfaces include established trails and campsites, rock, gravel, dry grasses or snow.
- Protect riparian areas by camping at least 200 feet from lakes and streams.
- Good campsites are found, not made. Altering a site is not necessary.

In popular areas

- Concentrate use on existing trails and campsites.
- Walk single file in the middle of the trail, even when wet or muddy.
- Keep campsites small. Focus activities in areas where vegetation is absent.

In pristine areas

- Disperse use to prevent the creation of campsites and trails.
- Avoid places where impacts are just beginning.

Dispose of Waste Properly

- Pack it in, pack it out. Inspect your campsite and rest areas for trash or spilled foods. Pack out all trash, leftover food, and litter.
- Deposit solid human waste in catholes dug 6 to 8 inches deep at least 200 feet from water, camp, and trails. Cover and disguise the cathole when finished.
- Pack out toilet paper and hygiene products.
- To wash yourself or your dishes, carry water 200 feet away from streams or lakes and use small amounts of biodegradable soap. Scatter strained dishwater.

Leave What You Find

- Preserve the past: examine, but do not touch, cultural or historic structures and artifacts.
- Leave rocks, plants and other natural objects as you find them.
- Avoid introducing or transporting non-native species.
- Do not build structures, furniture, or dig trenches

Minimize Campfire Impacts

- Campfires can cause lasting impacts to the backcountry. Use a lightweight stove for cooking and enjoy a candle lantern for light.
- Where fires are permitted, use established fire rings, fire pans, or mound fires.
- Keep fires small. Only use sticks from the ground that can be broken by hand.
- Burn all wood and coals to ash, put out campfires completely, then scatter cool ashes.

Respect Wildlife

- Observe wildlife from a distance. Do not follow or approach them.
- Never feed animals. Feeding wildlife damages their health, alters natural behaviors, and exposes them to predators and other dangers.
- Protect wildlife and your food by storing rations and trash securely.
- Control pets at all times, or leave them at home.
- Avoid wildlife during sensitive times: mating, nesting, raising young, or winter.

Be Considerate of Other Visitors

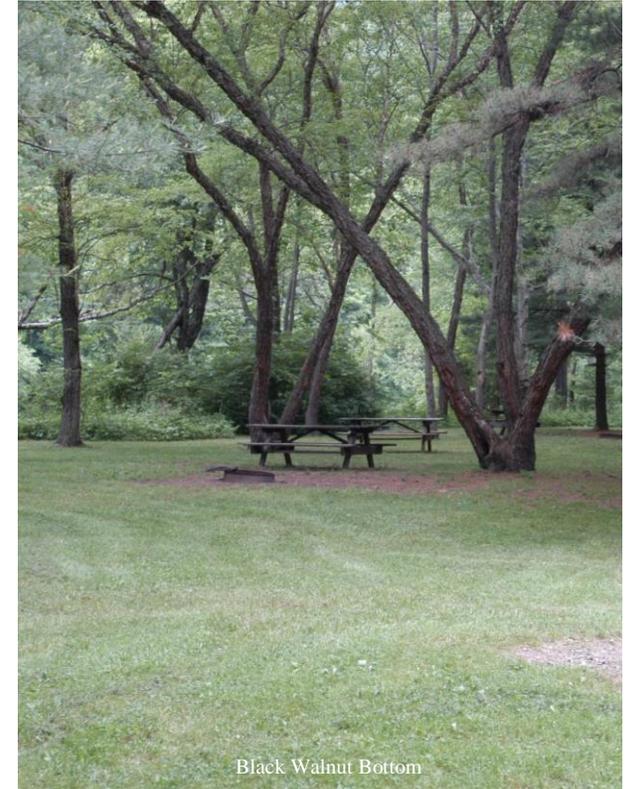
- Respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience.
- Be courteous. Yield to other users on the trail.
- Take breaks and camp away from trails and other visitors.
- Let nature's sounds prevail. Avoid loud voices and noises.

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Camping Guidelines

Tiadaghton State Forest



Black Walnut Bottom

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Camping Guidelines

Motorized Camping is camping in or near a vehicle where the vehicle continues to be used for storage or transportation.

Non-motorized Camping is overnight camping where all equipment is transported in one trip by non-motorized methods, and where a motorized vehicle is not located near or part of the camping experience.

- All motorized camping must be within 300 feet of a road open to public travel, or a trail designated for motorized use. Vehicles may not be driven more than 50 feet from the traveled portion of the road.
- All motorized camping must be 300 feet or more from any building or Natural Area except on a State Forest Leased Campsite with the lessee's permission.
- All motorized camping must be more than one road-mile from the entrance to a commercial campground or a state park having camping facilities.
- **All camping must be at least 100 feet from any stream or open water source.**
- All campsites must be at least 25 feet from the nearest edge of a trail, and the camp should be out of sight of the trail where possible.
- Deposit solid human waste in catholes dug 6 to 8 inches deep at least 200 feet from water, camp, and trails. Cover and disguise cathole when finished.
- **All refuse generated while camping must be carried out.**
- All stone fire rings should be scattered except at permanent campsites.
- Do not bring wood from other areas.
- Target shooting is *not permitted* unless authorized in writing by the District Forester.

Do not attempt to burn cans, bottles, etc. in fire rings!

Permits

- Camping without a current camping permit issued by the District Forester or his designee is prohibited with the exception of backpack campers who do not stay more than one night at any campsite (permits are strongly suggested).
- A camping permit is normally issued for **no more than 10 people** at the same site, unless authorized in writing by the District Forester, and permits will indicate that a Letter of Authorization has been issued.
- A camping permit will be valid for no more than seven consecutive nights, at which time the campsite must be vacated for a minimum of 48 hours, unless a Letter of Authorization is issued by the District Forester.
- Permits will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis **no more than 90 days in advance**.
- All camping permits are issued at the Resource Management Center in Waterville and can be requested by phone, fax, email or US mail. Allow enough time to have permit with you while you camp.
- Campsites not occupied within 24 hours of the start date listed on the permit may be offered to other campers.

Special Regulations Camping Areas

Black Walnut Bottom

Bonnell Flats

Tomb Flats

- All camping will take place **only** at numbered campsites issued on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Permits will be for a specific, numbered campsite. Maps are available at the Resource Management Center.

Fire Regulations

- **Open fires are prohibited from March 1st through May 25th, and from October 1st through December 1st, and when dry conditions pose a fire hazard. Depending on weather conditions, the District Forester may make exceptions.**
- When fires are allowed, **they must be kept small**, and precautions must be taken to prevent the spread of fire into the forest. Campfires shall be attended at all times.
- Small, self-contained gas stoves are permitted year-round when used in a safe manner.
- Only dead, downed wood may be used to fuel campfires. Live or dead standing trees may not be cut!

Campers may be held liable for damages due to escaped campfires!!

When requesting by mail, please provide the following information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Emergency Phone: _____

Drivers License Number: _____

License Plate #: _____

Vehicle Color: _____

Vehicle Make/Model: _____

Type: Tent/Camper/Vehicle, etc: _____

Location: _____

Start Date: _____

End Date: _____

Number of Campers: _____