

Leave No Trace

...the seven principles of LNT in the backcountry of Algonquin Park

1. Plan Ahead and Prepare

- Read and become familiar with park regulations regarding backcountry use
- Prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies
- Ensure the safety of your group
- Plan your logistics carefully

2. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces

- Use designated portages and campsites only
- Do not damage vegetation at campsites and alongside portages or trails

3. Dispose of Waste Properly

- Minimize waste before your trip
- Use box privies whenever possible or in emergencies, use “cat holes” dug 15 to 20 cm deep and 60m from water, campsites and trails.
- Wash with biodegradable soap and dispose of gray water at least 60m away from any water body
- Dispose of waste properly
 - burn food waste and paper; pack out plastics and foil

4. Leave What You Find

- Leave plants, rocks and cultural artifacts as you found them
- Treat living plants with respect
 - do not pick plants or remove bark
 - do not hammer nails or carve into trees
- Avoid introducing or transporting non-native plants or animals
- Respect park property
- Create only virtual geo-caches

5. Minimize Campfire Impacts

- Consider alternatives such as cooking stoves
- Use only designated firepits
- Build a low impact fire of deadfall and forest floor debris
- Be fire smart, keep fires small and safe

6. Respect Wildlife

- Enjoy wildlife at a safe distance
- Never feed or attract wildlife
- Avoid sensitive habitats/seasons
- Control your pets to prevent them from disturbing wildlife

7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors

- Leave all areas in the park in a better state than you found them
- Keep noise levels to a minimum
- Yield to others on trails

