

Camptown Nature 101

Leave No Trace Series – Day 2 – Durable Surfaces and Waste Disposal

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2. Principle 2: Travel on Durable Surfaces

Durable surfaces include established trails and campsites, rocks, gravel, dry grasses or snow. Good campsites are found, not made. Concentrate use on existing trails and campsites. Walk single file in the middle of a trail, even when wet or muddy. Avoid places where impacts are just beginning.

Principle 3: 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. To wash your dishes, carry water 200 feet away from streams or lakes and use small amounts of biodegradable soap.

Activity: Decide whether these the items below are durable or non-durable.

- a. Field of flowers _____
- b. Your backyard _____
- c. Sidewalk _____
- d. Muddy trail _____
- e. Woods with no trail _____
- f. Snowy flat area _____
- g. Gravel Path _____
- h. Flower bed _____
- i. Stone covered creek bed _____
- j. Sandy beach _____