

THE ENVIRONMENT

# Leave No Trace



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You're walking down the trail after a long day's activity. You're tired and you want to make camp. You see a sign that shows a campground is not far away. You start to think about relaxing. As you turn the corner and approach the campground, you see trash on the ground and crushed foliage around you. Ash from a previous camper's fire is lying all over the place. The person before you left more than a trace.

Both for the sake of the environment and for those who will use that campground after you, it is important to leave no trace when camping. To do this you must know the steps:

- Plan ahead and prepare for your camping experience. If you plan ahead you are more likely to accomplish your goal in a way that does not hurt the environment.
- Travel, and camp, on pre-existing trails and campgrounds, wherever possible. If not, you could damage brush and foliage, which will take a long time to repair and you could lead others to follow you. Before long, campsites will spring up in unwanted places.
- Dispose of waste properly. Wherever possible, take it home with you. Dustbins attract animals and bugs and aren't emptied often enough in the average campground.
- Leave what you find. Do not move any rocks, plants or historical objects. Allow those who come after you to feel that they are the first to discover this unique spot.
- Minimize campfire impact. Building a fire uses a lot wood, so try and leave some for other campers. Lightweight camping stoves are quicker, use less wood and don't leave a spot on the ground.
- Respect wildlife. While camping out, do not make loud noises or sudden movements, which could easily frighten wildlife. Remember that you are a guest in their habitat.
- Be considerate of other campers. Keep quiet. Don't play loud music. Travel in small groups. Remember that you are camping in order to get close to nature. Leave the trappings and habits of regular life behind.

You are now walking down another trail and, once again, you're tired. As you approach the campsite, you hear only the call of the birds and the wind in the trees. There is no trampled brush and no trash: only a lovely green space. The person before you left no trace.



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IN THE ENVIRONMENT SECTION ON [WWW.YOUTHNEWS.COM](http://WWW.YOUTHNEWS.COM)

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## FUN TRIVIA

- The first word spoken on the moon was, "okay".
- Seoul, the South Korean capital, means "the capital" in the Korean language.
- The name of all the continents end with the same letter that they begin with.
- The word "lethologica" describes the state of not being able to remember the word you want.

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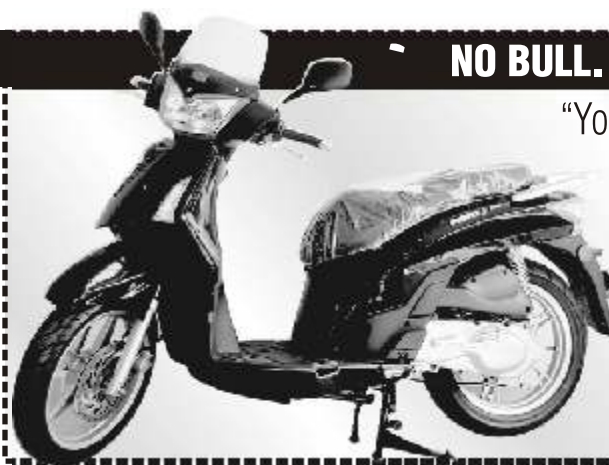
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