



Leave No Trace Denali Discovery Camp

The opportunity to spend time in pristine wilderness is a great privilege! *Denali Discovery Camp* teaches and adheres to the principles of **Leave No Trace** and strives to maintain a low impact camp experience for current and future Discovery Campers. Please read through these principles with your camper before they attend Denali Discovery Camp.

Plan Ahead and Prepare

- Prepare for extreme weather, hazards, and emergencies.
- Repackage food to minimize waste. (Not required, but a great way to make a big lunch fit in a small space!)
- Know your route and the terrain before each hike.

Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces

- Durable surfaces include established trails, campsites, river bars, graveled areas, etc.
- In pristine areas, disperse use to prevent the creation of new trails; avoid places where impacts are just beginning.
- In popular areas, concentrate use on existing trails and campsites, walk single file in the middle of the trail, and focus campsite activity in non-vegetated areas.

Dispose of Waste Properly

- Pack it in, pack it out. Inspect your campsite and snack/lunch break areas for trash or spilled foods.
- Use designated washing areas for dishes or, when these are not available, carry water 200 feet away from streams or lakes and use small amounts of soap. Scatter 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.

Minimize Campfire Impacts

- In most of Denali National Park, camp fires are not permitted.
- In the campgrounds where they are permitted, use the established fire rings, only use sticks from the ground, burn the fire to ash, and put the fire out completely.

Respect Wildlife

- Observe wildlife from a distance. Do not follow or approach them.
- Never feed animals. It damages their health, alters behaviors, and exposes them to predators and other dangers.
- Protect wildlife and your food by storing it and trash securely.
- Be alert and aware when traveling through areas of low visibility – high brush, thick willows, etc.

Be Considerate of Other Visitors

- Respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience.
- Be courteous. Yield to other users on the trail.
- During breaks, move away from trail (where possible) and be considerate of others on the trail.