



Leave No Trace – Enjoying the Outdoors Responsibly

To protect and maintain the resource, Denali National Park's backcountry management plan allows only a small number of backpackers per unit per night. *Denali Backcountry Adventures* is given special consideration because of the value of the program and our record of diligence to low impact travel. Participants will be expected to demonstrate Leave No Trace principles throughout the program. The principles are listed below with mountain or snow travel details listed in italics.

Plan Ahead and Prepare

- Know the area and what to expect; *always check avalanche and weather reports prior to departure.* Consult maps and local authorities about high danger areas, safety information, and regulations.
- *Prepare for extreme weather, hazards, and emergencies.*
- Schedule your trip to avoid times of high use.
- Visit in small groups when possible. Consider splitting larger groups into smaller groups.
- 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, or snow.*
- Protect riparian areas by camping at least 200 feet from lakes and streams.
- *Travel and camp away from avalanche paths, cornices, steep slopes and unstable snow.*
- **In pristine areas:**
 - Disperse use to prevent the creation of campsites and 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, even when wet or muddy.
 - Keep campsites small. Focus activity in areas where vegetation is absent.

Dispose of Waste Properly

- Pack it in, pack it out. Inspect your campsite and rest areas for trash or spilled foods. *Do not bury trash in the snow.*
- Deposit solid human waste in catholes dug 6 to 8 inches deep at least 200 feet from water, camp, and trails.
- Pack out toilet paper and hygiene products.
- To wash, carry water 200 feet away from streams or lakes and use small amounts of soap. Scatter dishwasher.
- *Dismantle all snow shelters, igloos, and wind breaks. Naturalize the site before you leave.*

Leave What You Find

- Leave rocks, plants, and other natural objects as you find them. Examine, but do not touch or remove, cultural or historic structures and artifacts.
- Avoid introducing or transporting non-native species.
- Do not build structures, furniture, or dig trenches, *except when necessary in a snow camp.*

Minimize Campfire Impacts – our fire opportunities will be minimal

- 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.



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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 rations and trash securely.
- 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, *especially downhill traffic*.
- Take breaks and camp away from trails and other visitors.