

# Leave No Trace Tips for Hunting

### Plan Ahead and Prepare

- Gather information about the area you're hunting in from the local land manager. Read and follow all hunting regulations.
- Prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies. Always carry extra food clothing, and first aid kit.

## Travel and Camp on Durable surfaces

- Durable surfaces include established roads, trails and campsites, rock, gravel, dry grasses or snow.
- Good Campsites are found not made. Site alterations are not necessary.

### **Dispose of Waste Properly**

- Pack it in, pack it out. Inspect your campsite for trash or spilled food. Pack out all trash, leftover food, spent brass, shotgun shells, etc.
- Gut piles are unsightly and attract bears. Drag piles away from trails, water sources and highly visited areas.

#### Leave What You Find

- Do not use rocks, signs, trees or non-game animals for target practice.
- Use manufactured blinds rather than constructing them out of tree branches or other native vegetation. Do not build structures or furniture, or dig trenches.

## **Minimize Campfire Impacts**

- Keep fires small. Only use sticks from the ground that can't be broken by hand or locally purchased firewood. Do not break branches off living or standing dead trees.
- Trash does not belong in the fire pit and usually doesn't burn completely.

## **Respect Wildlife**

 Show respect for wildlife by taking only clean, killing shots, then retrieving and properly handling your game.

## **Be Considerate of Other Visitors**

- Be aware of your "field of fire". Do not shoot near developed areas, campsites or roads.
- Be courteous. Yield to other users on the trail. Be aware of your firearm around others.

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