



## Recreational Vehicle Guidelines

As members of the RV community, we have a unique opportunity and responsibility to protect the natural areas we visit. By embracing the Leave No Trace Seven Principles, we can minimize our impact on the environment and ensure these unique places remain healthy and accessible for generations to come.

### ENJOY RESPONSIBLE RVing BY PRACTICING THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES



#### PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE

- Research your destination to understand regulations, road conditions, and RV accessibility.
- Make reservations where required and have backup plans in case sites are full. Do not park in areas where overnight camping is not permitted.
- Pack supplies thoughtfully, including tools to manage waste, repair gear, and minimize environmental impact.
- Be prepared by packing emergency items.



#### TRAVEL AND CAMP ON DURABLE SURFACES

- Park and camp only in designated RV pads, sites, or durable surfaces such as gravel or established areas that fit the size of your vehicle.
- Avoid creating new campsites or driving off-road, which damages fragile ecosystems.
- Respect capacity limits by camping within the designated boundaries of your site and avoid overcrowding.
- Stay on designated roads and trails when exploring outside your RV.



#### DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY

- Use dump stations for gray and black water, and never empty tanks into natural areas or drains.
- Pack out all trash, recycling, and food waste; leave sites cleaner than you found them.
- Carry out pet waste bags and dispose of them appropriately.
- Before leaving camp, check your campsite for any waste, including micro-trash like bottle caps or food wrappers.
- Batteries, chemicals, and other hazardous waste should be taken to appropriate recycling or disposal facilities, not left at the campsite or dump stations.



### LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND

- Preserve the natural beauty by leaving rocks, plants, and artifacts as you found them.
- Respect cultural and historical artifacts by not touching, moving, or taking artifacts or structures.
- Avoid disturbing wildlife habitats, including avoiding the cutting of branches or the removal of natural features for firewood or recreation.
- Avoid introducing non-native species by cleaning your RV and gear before traveling to prevent transporting invasive species.



### MINIMIZE CAMPFIRE IMPACTS

- Before building a fire, check fire regulations and bans in your area to prevent wildfires.
- Use designated fire rings, fire pans, or portable stoves for cooking and warmth.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- When fires are permitted, keep them small and ensure they are completely extinguished and cool to the touch before leaving.



### RESPECT WILDLIFE

- Observe wildlife from a distance. Do not follow or approach them.
- Store food securely to prevent wildlife access and safeguard both animals and humans.
- Avoid feeding wildlife as it can harm their health, change their natural foraging habits, and increase the likelihood of dangerous human-wildlife interactions.
- Drive cautiously in wildlife areas to reduce the risk of collisions.
- Always keep pets leashed or inside the RV to protect them and the wildlife they might chase or disturb.



### BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS

- Drive slowly and cautiously in campgrounds and shared spaces to ensure safety and reduce dust or noise disturbances.
- Keep music, generators, and other noise to a low volume, especially in shared campgrounds and natural areas.
- Respect quiet hours and give other campers the space they need to enjoy the outdoors.
- Avoid walking through other people's campsites or parking too close to their space to maintain privacy and comfort.
- Keep picnic tables, restrooms, and other communal spaces tidy for the next users, removing all personal items and trash.
- Use outdoor lights sparingly at night to prevent light pollution and respect the stargazing and nighttime experiences of others.

### COMMITMENT TO RESPONSIBLE RVING

By adhering to this Code of Ethics, we can all play a role in protecting the outdoor spaces we love while enjoying the freedom and adventure of RV travel. Together, we can ensure a positive experience for ourselves, our communities, and the natural world.