



Leave No Trace Principles for Older Girls

Plan Ahead.

Find out about the place where you are going. Are there special regulations or concerns for the area? Do you have the right gear for the weather?

Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces.

Stay on established trails. Camp at established campsites whenever possible.

Dispose of Waste Properly.

Pack out what you carry in including all trash, leftover food, and litter.

Leave What You Find.

Leave nature as it is, which means leave rocks, plants and other natural objects as you find them. Don't build structures, dig ditches, or cut healthy trees or bushes.

Minimize Campfire Impacts.

Campfires are a special part of a Girl Scout's outdoor experience: Only start a fire in an established fire ring, keep it small, and put it out properly.

Respect Wildlife.

Don't approach, feed, or follow any animals—watch them from a distance.

Be Considerate of Other Visitors.

Respect other visitors so they have a good experience in the outdoors, too. Yield to other users on the trail, camp away from trails and other visitors, keep your voice and noise level down.