

LEAVE NO TRACE #2

ISSUE NO 2 | TRAVEL & CAMP ON DURABLE SURFACES



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO TRAVEL & CAMP ON DURABLE SURFACES?

The second Leave No Trace Principle is “to travel and camp on durable surfaces”. Durability in terms of Leave No Trace refers to the ability of surfaces or vegetation to

withstand wear or remain in a stable condition. So when traveling and camping in the outdoors, a good scout will stick to the trail and minimize their impact on wildlife.

WHAT ARE SOME DURABLE SURFACES?

Gravel, sand, rock, path, snow

WHAT SURFACES ARE NOT DURABLE?

Any fragile vegetation is not a durable surface

WHAT IS TRAVEL DAMAGE?

Travel damage occurs when surface vegetation or communities of organisms are trampled beyond recovery

“It is important to consolidate our recreation-related impacts to these hardened surfaces designed to withstand visitor use. Hiking off-trail, especially in fragile alpine environments of the Northeast, can cause significant damage to vegetation and contribute to erosion and soil loss.”

-Alex Delucia,
Leave No Trace programs manager
for AMC



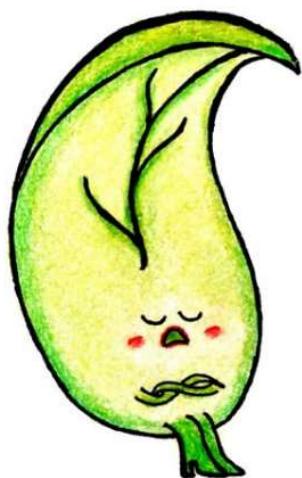
Here's a tip to help you minimize your Trace...

When you come across a mud puddle on a trail, instead of walking around it, you should walk through it. This is because walking around the puddle will widen the path and in turn, increase your impact in the outdoors.



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Travel/Camp on Durable Surfaces



Like I SAID, i WANT you to
LEAF me ALONE!

