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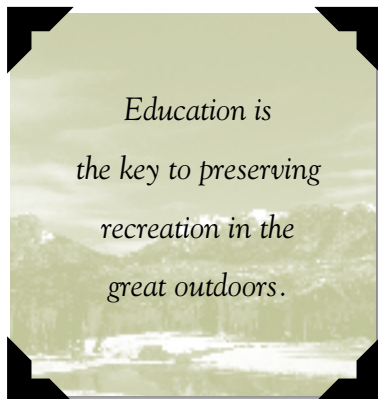
ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE



HIGH CLEARANCE
VEHICLE



ACTIVITY NOT ALLOWED
OR RECOMMENDED



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Tread Lightly!™ is a national nonprofit organization whose mission is to empower generations to enjoy the outdoors responsibly through education and stewardship. Tread Lightly!'s educational message, along with its training and restoration initiatives are designed to instill an ethic of responsibility in outdoor enthusiasts and the industries that serve them. The program is long-term in scope with a goal to balance the needs of the people who enjoy outdoor recreation with the needs of the environment.

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Tread Lightly!'s
Tips for
Responsible
GEOCACHING

- T ravel and recreate with minimum impact
- R espect the environment and the rights of others
- E ducate yourself, plan and prepare before you go
- A llow for future use of the outdoors, leave it better than you found it
- D iscover the rewards of responsible recreation



TRAVEL AND RECREATE WITH MINIMUM IMPACT

Negotiating Terrain and Driving Tips

- ▶ Stay on trails even if it is rough and muddy and don't cut switchbacks.
- ▶ Travel single file to avoid widening the trail.
- ▶ When allowed off designated trails, spread out in open country.
- ▶ Use the "track back" feature on your Global Positioning System (GPS) rather than flagging and marking trails.

Cache Placers

- ▶ Avoid sensitive areas including cultural sites, wetlands, and steep slopes—especially when placing a cache.
- ▶ It is the cache owner's responsibility to maintain the cache and the surrounding area. If an area is impacted, remove or relocate the cache.
- ▶ Never place food items in a cache.

Cache Seekers

- ▶ Use maps to find a route that will minimize impacts. Note waypoints during your journey to assist you on your return trip.
- ▶ If you notice a path has started to wear in the vicinity of a cache, notify the cache owner via email or the geocaching database administrator.

Minimizing Other Impacts

- ▶ Observe proper sanitary waste disposal by burying waste 6-8 inches deep and at least 200 feet from trails, campsites, and water resources or pack your waste out.
- ▶ Practice minimum impact camping by using established sites, camping 200 feet from water resources and trails, and minimizing use of fire.
- ▶ Protect the soundscape by preventing unnecessary noise created by your vehicle.

RESPECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS

- ▶ Check with local land managers before placing or searching for a cache to determine regulations.
- ▶ Abide by all existing regulations including motor vehicle restrictions.
- ▶ The National Park Service (NPS) has strict geocaching regulations. Obtain permission before placing a cache on NPS lands.
- ▶ Do not place caches on archaeological or historical sites.
- ▶ When placing a cache, clearly label the outside of a cache container.
- ▶ Obtain permission before placing a cache on private land, and respect landowner(s) wishes.
- ▶ Traditional geocaching is not appropriate in areas designated as "wilderness".
- ▶ Consider virtual caches, rather than physical caches, as they cause fewer disturbances to the land.
- ▶ Respect and be courteous to other users who also want to enjoy the great outdoors.

EDUCATE YOURSELF, PLAN AND PREPARE BEFORE YOU GO

- ▶ Make a realistic plan and stick to it. Let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.
- ▶ Know which areas and routes are open to your type of travel.
- ▶ Familiarize yourself with restrictions and prohibitions in your area before you decide where to place a cache.
- ▶ Check the weather forecast.
- ▶ Choose the appropriate gear and clothing for the area you will be traveling in.

- ▶ Dressing in layers allows easier changing to meet unexpected weather conditions.
- ▶ In addition to your GPS receiver, always carry extra batteries, a map, and a compass, and know how to use them.
- ▶ Travel with a partner—especially when traveling cross-country or in remote areas.
- ▶ Carry water and emergency supplies—even on short trips.

ALLOW FOR FUTURE USE OF THE OUTDOORS, LEAVE IT BETTER THAN YOU FOUND IT

- ▶ Pack out what you pack in.
- ▶ Don't modify the environment for any reason even when hiding a cache.
- ▶ Practice "lift, look, replace" technique, if you lift a rock to look under it, replace it exactly as you found it.
- ▶ Following a ride, wash your gear to reduce the spread of noxious weeds.
- ▶ Motorized and mechanized vehicles are not allowed in designated wilderness areas.

DISCOVER THE REWARDS OF RESPONSIBLE RECREATION

- ▶ Geocaching provides the opportunity to get away from the hustle of everyday life and builds family traditions.
- ▶ By using common sense and common courtesy, what is available today will be here to enjoy tomorrow.

Visit Tread Lightly!'s website www.treadlightly.org for more detailed information on minimizing your impact in the great outdoors, vehicle and safety checklists and other recreational tips.