ADVENTURES OF LIGHTFOOT

Once upon a time, deep in the beautiful evergreen forest lived a family of squirrels. The family’s youngest and most curious member was Lightfoot™, who was always learning new and exciting things about the forest and its creatures. When Lightfoot explored the beauty of Evergreen Forest and its cool clean streams, he could watch the other forest creatures play. The strangest and most interesting creatures of all were the humans, who had many shiny, brightly colored toys called 4x4’s, motorcycles, ATVs and bicycles. Lightfoot could tell the humans had also been taught to respect others and keep the forest clean. They were careful not to damage the forest when they played with their toys. They always put their litter in trash cans and stayed on the trails. Lightfoot hoped someday he and the humans would be friends.

Soon it was time for Lightfoot to leave the forest in search of a new home. He crossed a small stream and followed the river down the canyon. He traveled all day and far into the night, when finally he came to a beautiful lake in a valley he’d never seen before. It was very peaceful as the moon and stars reflected on the calm lake. “This will be my new home,” Lightfoot thought as he set up camp.

The next morning a huge roar jarred Lightfoot awake. He opened his eyes and saw an enormous 4x4 headed straight for him! Lightfoot jumped out of the way and scurried to the top of an oak tree. From there, he could see humans splashing through streams, climbing hillsides and tearing up plants and flowers, having little care for the other forest creatures. The streams were muddy and litter covered the ground. Lightfoot’s heart sank. He wondered why these humans were not playing nice and taking care of the land.

Then, Lightfoot had an idea. He would help make all forests as beautiful as Evergreen Forest, where the creatures were happy and the streams and air were clean. He’d teach humans to be kind to the land and “leave a good impression.” Lightfoot would follow the Tread Pledge and teach it to others. He’d become “Lightfoot, Friend of the Forest,” “Teacher of the Humans,” and “Protector of the Animals.” He’d travel from forest to forest and share his teachings with every human and animal he met. He’d tell them about Evergreen Forest and how to tread lightly!

Tread Lightly®
Leaving a Good Impression
Travel only on trails

Keep your feet, bikes, and ATVs on the trails.
Respect animals, plants, and people

Don’t chase, scare, feed or pet Lightfoot’s animal friends. Don’t run over plants and watch carefully for other people on the trails.
WORDSEARCH

1. TREAD  5. RESPECT  9. QUIET  13. CAMP  17. FOREST
2. LIGHTLY  6. STREAMS  10. WILDLIFE  14. TRAIL  18. DESERT
3. PROTECT  7. MEADOWS  11. LIVESTOCK  15. MOTORCYCLE  19. DUNES
4. AVOID  8. MAP  12. ENJOY  16. BIKE  20. SNOW
Everytime you go outdoors, think safety, bring a friend and be prepared

Bring a trail map! By staying on trails you are less likely to get lost and much easier to find.
HELP LIGHTFOOT THROUGH THE MAZE IN HIS 4x4 - REMEMBER TO STAY ON THE TRAIL!
Always leave the outdoors better than you found it

Keep Lightfoot’s home clean! Don’t litter or leave food or trash behind.
Discover how fun the outdoors can be when you Tread Lightly!.

Remember the great outdoors is home to Lightfoot and his friends—treat it with care!
When outdoors, the responsibility is yours!