### MONTANA



### **LEAVE NO TRACE**

Program & Toolkit Overview

September 2023

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Visit Montana and the Department of Commerce have partnered with <u>Leave No Trace</u> to encourage responsible recreation practices. For nearly 30 years, the Leave No Trace a has been working to educate and inform everyone who spends time outside and key practices for responsible recreation.

Leave No Trace is most widely known for its Seven Principles, which have been customized to address Montana's unique recreational challenges and adapted to complement the That's How You Montana campaign.



### TOOLKIT OBJECTIVES

We are delighted to offer our partners, land managers, and stakeholders a variety of marketing elements to help you share this important message with visitors and residents. The Montana Leave No Trace toolkit includes posters, rack card, social media posts, and GIFs. This toolkit will help Visit Montana and supporting partners establish a clear, consistent and universal identity for Leave No Trace in Montana.



### LEAVE NO TRACE ORGANIZATION & MISSION

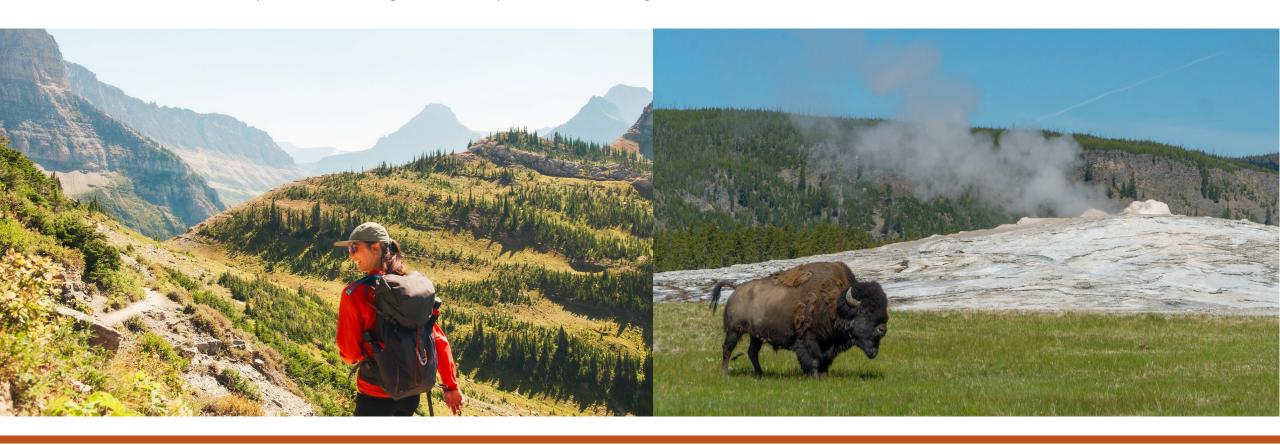
Leave No Trace is a 501 c(3) non-profit whose mission it is to teach and inspire people to enjoy the outdoors in a responsible way.



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### LEAVE NO TRACE & VISIT MONTANA PARTNERSHIP

Leave No Trace and Visit Montana have a shared goal of ensuring that visitors and residents alike not only get out and enjoy the state's natural areas while protecting these places for generations to come.



# MONTANA LEAVE NO TRACE 7 PRINCIPLES

- State specific
- Informed by research
- Simple and effective guidelines
- Education not enforcement
- 30,000 ft view



### LEAVE NO TRACE TOOLKITS IN ACTION



Capture rich beauty among the bare boughs and soul-warming scenery only found during North Carolina's coolest season.

When snow settles on the snaking Blue Ridge Parkway, America's Favorite Drive turns into a wondrous treasure of a trail - hikers and snowshoers can often claim the road for themselves. It's one of many perks that come with cool — but not too cold — air allows brisk hikes in nearly empty state parks.

for real winter

quiet evenings illuminated by crackling campfires and invigorating wades into waterways. It's a time to watch migrating birds, fish along the inner banks, enjoy calm coastal beaches and maybe even spot a whale. After you've made flurries exploring North Carolina in winter, where of outdoor memories, cozy up for warm conversation and tasty beverages at a brewery, winery, coffee shop or cafe.



with the inky waters of Dismal Swamp State Park



LIGHT THE NIGHT Warm up with a campfire after

CAST A GLOW The inner coastal waters of Roanoke

River National Wildlife Refuge teem with strined



WINTER BLUES Bluebirds, blue-winged teal and





ROCK YOUR WORLD At Lillington's Raven Rock



BETTER TOGETHER The woods of Kerr Lake State







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### HOW TO USE THE TOOLKIT

### CUSTOMIZE

The toolkit contains assets that may be tailored to your region. If you'd like region specific photography for the poster, rack card, or social images, please email

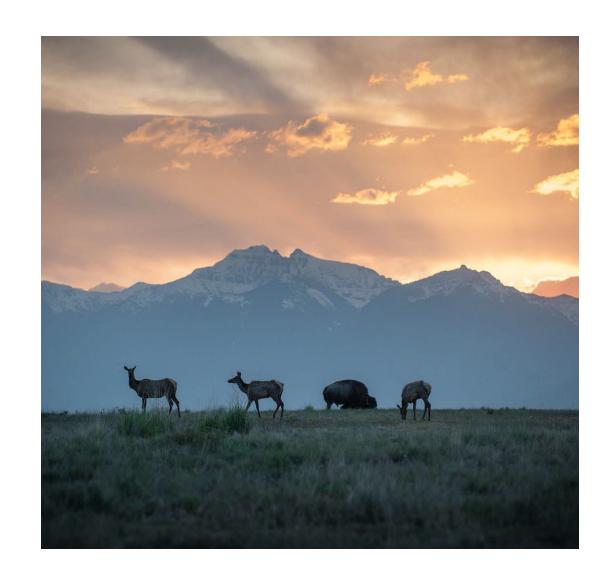
vcastillocuriel@hoffmanyork.com or kate.vigeland@mt.gov by September 29<sup>th</sup>.

### SHARE

In addition to using these for your own websites and visitor centers, we ask you to tell local tourist organizations and hospitality businesses about the toolkit so they log on, sign the toolkit agreement and help spread the word and build awareness of these important messages.

### PARTNER TOOLKIT

- + Printable Posters
- + Rack Card
- + Social Media Assets
- + GIFs
- + 7 Principles Document
- + Brand Standards Guide



### 7 PRINCIPLES POSTERS - 11X17













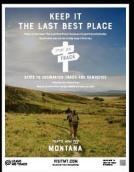




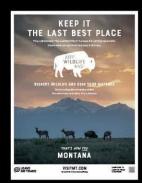
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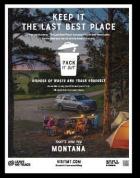


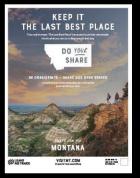












### RACK CARD





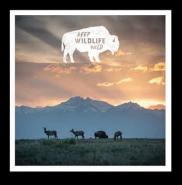
### SOCIAL MEDIA ASSETS - 1080X1080

















### SOCIAL MEDIA ASSETS - SOCIAL COPY DOCUMENT



**HEADLINE**:

Leave No Trace in Montana

LINK DESCRIPTION:

Do Your Part

COPY: Leave No Trace in The Last Best Place. Learn how to keep Montana clean and safe for all to enjoy with Montana's 7 Principles of Leave No Trace.

TAG THE APPROPRIATE SOCIAL CHANNELS: @leavenotrace @visitmontana

### SOCIAL MEDIA ASSETS - 1080X1920















### USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA GRAPHICS

Leave No Trace and Visit Montana should be tagged in any social posts referencing the partnership, the initiative, and/or any of the locally tailored principles and messaging.

### VISIT MONTANA

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Facebook: @visitmontana Facebook: @LeaveNoTraceCenter

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### **GIFS**

















GIFS available on GIPHY under "Visit Montana"

### GIFS: STEP-BY-STEP



Add a GIF to your story by searching "Visit Montana"

Make sure you tag us so we can see your stories!

### 7 PRINCIPLES DOCUMENT

#### KEEP IT THE LAST BEST PLACE

They call Montana "The Last Best Place" because it's just that remarkable. Here's what you can do to help keep it that way.



THAT'S HOW YOU MONTANA

LEAVE NO TRACE 7 PRINCIPLES



#### BO WITH A DIAM

time for worrying.

ana's weather is as diverse as its landscape. Prepare for changing conditions that could cause floods, fires or other hazards.

-If possible, schedule your trip to avoid times of high visitation, Parking lots in popular areas fill up early and fast. Always have a backup plan in case lots are full.

Recrises, permits or tags to enter, camp, hunt or fish. Book, purchase, and secure necessary documents months in advance. Research and plan accordingly.

Check ahead for the availability of water, grey water disposal, gas stations, trash bins, and bathrooms

-Bring a map or GPS device and know how to use it. Do not rely on cell phones, as service can be spotty or unavailable in many outdoor areas.



Stick to Designated Trails and Campaites

The paths are where it's at. Staving on traits and in designated campsites keeps nature, wildlife and

- Shortcuts and straying from the designated trail can be tempting, but travel in the middle of the trail,

- Find a durable surface-such as rock, sand, deep snow or dry grass—to take a break, enjoy the view or let others pass.

- Check vehicle requirements. Area rules and regulations may prohibit the use of certain types of

motorized, and even non-motorized, vehicles on designated trails. Respect private property and sovereign tribal lands by staying on designated traits and roads and

- Allow wildlife access to water and protect sensitive waterside vegetation by camping at least 200 feet

Camp only in designated or existing campsites. Plan time to locate an appropriate site, and also have a backup plan. Many Montana campsites require a reservation. Plan accordingly.



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#### PACK IT OUT

Dispose of Waste and Trash Property As we like to say, pack it in and pack it out.

· Pack it in, pack it out. Put litter—even fruit peels/cores—in a bag and carry it out.

- Help protect wildlife and others by packing out fishing line and hooks.

 Use bathrooms whenever available. If not available, bury human waste in a hole 6 to 8 inches deep and at least 200 feet (70 big steps) from water, camp, and trails.

- Use a bag to pick up your pet's waste, and pack it out to the nearest available trash can. Pet waste can

- When bathing or washing dishes, carry water 200 feet away (70 big steps) from streams or takes and use



#### LEAVE IT BE

From small rocks to historical artifacts and cultural items, everything has a home and curpose in Montana and

- Protect the cultural and spiritual connections tied to items and places significant to Indian Country.

Leave rocks, plants and other natural objects as you find them. Even the smallest item can play a big role

- Avoid introducing or transporting invasive insects, plants and aquatic species. Brush off boots and bike tires
and clean, drain, and dry all watercraft before and after every outing.

Treat trees and other plants with respect by not carving into or damaging them. This removes a plant's

protective layer, which can harm or kill it.



Prevent Wildfires and Practice Campfire Safety Leave no ember behind. It's vital to practice general fire safety and drown out campfires completely.

Use a camp stove for cooking. Stoves are easier to cook on and create less impact than campfires.

· Wildfires cause lesting impacts to Montana's natural areas. Refore your trip check to see if complires are

Use only existing fire rings and keep your fire small NEVER leave a fire unattended.

· Buy or gather firewood locally. This prevents the introduction of any invasive species, like the destructive pine

 When you're done with your fire, burn all the wood to ash and drown out your fire by pouring 3 to 4 gallons of water on it. Drown, stir, drown some more, then feel. Only leave once the ash is cool to the touch. Do not smoke in natural areas when fire restrictions are in place. NEVER throw a lit cigarette out of a vehicle

or along a trail. Remember to extinguish your cigarette with water.

· Secure vehicle chains, which can cause sparks. Don't let chains or metal from your vehicle drag on the road

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#### KEEP WILDLIFE WILD

Respect Wildlife and Keep Your Distance

There's nothing like witnessing wildlife, but the view is best—and safest for you and them—from a distance

 Observe wildlife from a distance and never follow or approach them. Not sure how close is too close? Try covering one eye with your hand and stretch your other arm out in front of you with your thumb up. If you can cover the animal with your thumb, you are far enough away!

 Never feed wild animals. Feeding wildlife damages their health, alters natural behaviors, and exposes them to predators and other dangers.

Montana is home to both black bears and grizzly bears. Keep yourself and bears safe by storing your food, trash and anything with a scent in a locked vehicle or bear canister/bear locker.

Prepare for bear country by learning how to identify different bear species, packing bear spray and knowing

· Be aware and in control of your pets. Do not allow them to interact with wildlife. Keep them on leash where required

Remember, dogs are not allowed on trails in our national parks.

· Don't disturb wildlife during meting season, while nesting or when they're with young offspring. Never interact

### DO YOUR DO YOUR SHARE

Be Considerate - Share Our Open Spaces

Loving Montana means being courteous in our communities and respecting everyone you meet. Thanks for doing

Yield to other users on traits. When passing people on a trait, downhill hikers yield to uphill hikers, Blazs yield to all hikers and all users yield to equestrians and wheelchairs.

When passing non-motorized users with your ATV, reduce your speed drastically until you are a good distance

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### **BRAND STANDARDS GUIDE**

The goal of this guide is to establish a clear, consistent and universal identity for the Leave No Trace initiative produced through Visit Montana and Leave No Trace partnership. This guide further serves to inform Visit Montana's third-party partners about proper use of the Montana Leave No Trace Principles and toolkit elements created through the partnership.

#### KEEP IT THE LAST BEST PLACE

Montana Leave No Trace Brand Standards Guide



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#### MONTANA LEAVE NO TRACE PRINCIPLES

- Third-party partners are encouraged to use principles created through the partnership on websites and social media. These partnership on the text of the principles created through the partnership for this use.
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#### USE OF POSTERS AND RACK CARD

Third-Party partners may not alter the design of the Leave No Trace Principles poster or rack cord. This includes, adding or removing test, changing the colors of the art, removing logos or adding logos. If you'd like a version of the poster or rack card with an image that represents your region, please contact us at vessalloursile/bin/fmannor/com for help swapping an image.



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### TOOLKIT LANDING PAGE



#### MARKETING

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#### Toolkit Content

- Brand Standards Guide
- Seven Principles Document
- Social Media Post Copy
- Seven Principles Posters 11x17
- Seven Principles Posters 8.5x11
- Social Media Assets 1080x1080
   Social Media Assets 1080x1920
- Rack Card
- Icons
- QR Code

#### Terms of Use Agreement

By accessing and downloading the content included in the Montana Leave No Trace Toolkit, you agree to the terms and conditions of the <u>sublicense agreement</u>, Users are responsible for ensuring the digital assets are utilized in adherence to the <u>VisitMT Leave No Trace Brand Standards Guide</u>. Once you submit the form, thereby agreeing to the terms and conditions, you will be directed to a link to download the digital assets.

#### Agreement:

By submitting the form below, I 1) acknowledge that I have read and fully understand the terms of the sublicense agreement; 2) voluntarily agree to be bound by the terms of the sublicense agreement; 3) certify that I am 18 years of age or older; and 4) have authority to agree to these conditions on behalf of the company/organization identified below. By submitting the form below, I understand that I agree to all pages of the sublicense agreement.

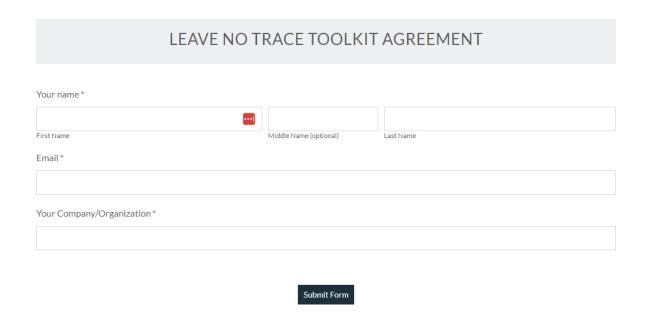
### CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE TOOLKIT:

https://brand.mt.gov/Progr ams/Marketing/Leave-No-Trace

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### TOOLKIT LANDING PAGE

Upon your digital signature of the LNT agreement, you will be able to download the LNT Toolkit.





Thank you for partnering with VisitMT and the Montana Department of Commerce to encourage responsible recreation practices.

#### Download the Zipped File

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### QUESTIONS?



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## THANK YOU FOR HELPING US KEEP OUR VISITORS AND SPACES HEALTHY.

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