

Help Keep the **WILD** in the Wilderness!

Each year in America there are fewer acres of wild country. In addition, our population continues to grow. So as increasing numbers of people seek solitude and natural beauty from a diminishing wildland base, impacts on land, water, and wildlife escalate. Big Wild Adventures is committed to low-impact wilderness use, and out in the wilds your guide will help you to treat the wilderness with the proper care and respect. Meanwhile, there are a few things to keep in mind for your adventure that will enrich your experience and help to keep the wilderness wild:

- Keep your tent site in as natural a condition as possible. Do not dig trenches around your tent.
- Keep our campfires small and utilize only dead wood.
- Pick up litter. Pack out all unburned refuse. Remember, foil doesn't burn! And burning plastic produces toxic fumes.
- Do not cut switchbacks on the trail. Cutting switchbacks scars the ground and causes erosion.
- Use soap or shampoo away from water or **not at all**. Water alone is a great cleaning agent. **Never use soap or shampoo in creeks or lakes!** If you must use soap or shampoo, rinse at least 100 feet from water.
- Bury human waste and paper in a 6-8 inch deep "cat hole" at least 100 feet from water. Thoroughly reclaim the site to a natural appearance, and use the digging trowel **only** for digging the original hole. (In deserts or high alpine areas, your guide may modify these instructions.)
- Urinate at least 100 feet from water.
- Minimize noise created by loud and boisterous talking and unnecessary shouting. Learn to talk in a relatively subdued "wilderness tone." Remember, excess noise disturbs both wildlife and other campers who seek solitude, silence, and wildness.
- Please treat equipment gently to maximize its longevity; this minimizes consumption and can help to reduce landfill expansion.