RESPECT the WILD
A Code of Conduct for Visitors in wild areas

Encouraging an environmentally responsible attitude and a way of life to keep wilderness wild for future generations.

Why should we respect the wild?
- wild places and wild species have the right to existence and respect, along with humans
- we are part of the web of life: our future depends on keeping this complex structure intact
- respect for the wild shows we respect ourselves and our place in the world.
- we love beautiful things and wild nature is a source of much beauty in the world
- wild places, plants and animals contain valuable cultural, historical and ancestral values which are part of our heritage and provide benefits now and in the future
- the natural world provides the raw materials for our development—food, water, seeds, tools, medicines etc
- in the wild we may feel a sense of awe, inspiration and oneness with nature—some people call it spiritual
- experiences in the wild can often heal bodies or minds
- we can exchange the tension of cities for solitude and tranquility in the wild and experience unique opportunities for leisure and relaxation
- wilderness can provide us with challenges that we do not normally meet in our daily lives
- the natural world is a huge outdoor classroom with new and exciting things to discover
- the existence of wild and natural areas helps reduce global warming and its effects
- wildernesses are fast disappearing worldwide as human populations grow
- we have a moral (and ethical) responsibility to ensure the continued existence of wild lands that are undeveloped, where natural forces operate without people's intervention,

so that current and future generations can enjoy the benefits of wild nature, too.

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