

# Learning to Camp

## Teacher's Notes

### Discussion Topics

#### **Respect Wildlife** <http://www.leavenotrace.ca/principle-respect-wildlife>

- Observe wildlife from a distance. Do not follow or approach them.
- Never feed animals. Feeding wildlife damages their health, alters natural behaviors, and exposes them to predators and other dangers.
- Protect wildlife and your food by storing rations and trash securely.
- Control pets at all times, or leave them at home.
- Avoid wildlife during sensitive times: mating, nesting, raising young, or winter.

#### **Dispose of Waste Properly** <http://www.leavenotrace.ca/principle-dispose-waste-properly>

- Pack it in, pack it out. Inspect your campsite and rest areas for trash or spilled foods. Pack out all trash, leftover food, and litter.
- Deposit solid human waste in catholes dug 15 to 20 centimeters deep at least 70 meters from water, camp, and trails. Cover and disguise the cathole when finished.
- Pack out toilet paper and hygiene products.
- To wash yourself or your dishes, carry water 70 meters away from streams or lakes and use small amounts of biodegradable soap. Scatter strained dishwater.

#### **Further resources:**

A great brochure on grizzlies and black bears (credit is on the brochure, this is not a Parks Canada publication): <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wld/documents/bearsmart/whoswhobears.pdf>

Wildsafe BC: <https://wildsafebc.com/black-bear/>