

Save the Blues

Blue Lakes Basin Leave No Trace Ethics

Enjoy Outdoor Life Responsibly

The Blue Lakes Basin has been severely degraded by the many hundreds of hikers visiting this high mountain lake basin on a daily basis. In addition to the area's wildflowers and grassy areas being trampled, the improper disposal of human waste has become a disgusting problem. Plan ahead to Leave No Trace and minimize resource damage.

How to Go in the Woods

A Guide for When Nature Calls



TOILET KIT

- Trowel
- Hand sanitizer
- Toilet Paper
- Sealable plastic bags



FIND THE SPOT

- Carry toilet kit at least 200 ft (70+steps) from trail, campsite or water source.
- Dig a cat hole about 4 inches wide and 6 to 8 inches deep.



CARRY OUT TOILET PAPER

- Place toilet paper in ziplock bag and carry out.



COVER IT

- Cover the waste with the original dirt & disguise with leaves and rocks.



CAMPFIRES PROHIBITED

Cook with a backpacking stove.

CAMPING

Camp at least 100+ feet or 35 large steps from lakes and streams in already established sites.

LIVING SOIL

Plant and animal habitat grows by the inch and "dies by the foot". Avoid damaging trees and plants by walking only on established trails.

WILDLIFE

Do not disturb wildlife. It puts you and them at risk.

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STAY ON THE TRAIL

Travel and camp on durable surfaces. Do not walk on vegetation.

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HUMAN WASTE

Carry out if possible. Or dig a 6" to 8" cat hole at least 200/70 steps from water, camps and trails. Cover and disguise.

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TOILET PAPER

Double bag and carry out all toilet paper and hygiene products.

Volunteer at the Blue Lakes trailhead to inform hikers about Leave No Trace ethics

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