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TRAVEL RESPONSIBLY

- PRACTICE MINIMUM-IMPACT TRAVEL TECHNIQUES FOR YOUR MODE OF TRANSPORTATION.
- STAY ON THE TRAIL EVEN IF IT IS ROUGH AND MUDDY.
- WALKING ON THE TRACK EDGE AND CUTTING SWITCHBACKS INCREASE DAMAGE, CAUSING EROSION AND VISUAL SCARRING.
- WHEN TRAVELING ON FOOT IN AREAS WITHOUT TRAILS, SPREAD OUT TO DISPERSE IMPACT AND AVOID CREATING A NEW TRAIL.



- BE A RESPONSIBLE SPORTSMAN AND PRACTICE ETHICAL HUNTING.
- NEVER TAKE A SHOT UNLESS YOU SEE THE ANIMAL CLEARLY, YOU CAN IDENTIFY IT AND YOU KNOW WHAT LIES BETWEEN YOU, THE TARGET, AND BEYOND.
- IF ENTERING PRIVATE PROPERTY, BE SURE TO ASK PERMISSION FROM THE LANDOWNER AND LEAVE GATES AS YOU FIND THEM.

RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS



- OBTAIN A MAP OF YOUR DESTINATION AND DETERMINE WHICH AREAS ARE OPEN TO HUNTING FOR YOUR DESIRED GAME AND TYPE OF TRAVEL.

EDUCATE YOURSELF

- CHECK THE WEATHER FORECAST BEFORE YOU GO.
- PREPARE FOR THE UNEXPECTED BY PACKING EMERGENCY ITEMS. DRESS IN LAYERS AND CARRY A WATERPROOF JACKET.
- KNOW YOUR STATE'S REQUIREMENTS REGARDING WHEN TO WEAR HUNTER ORANGE.



- HUNTING OFTEN REQUIRES CROSS COUNTRY TRAVEL THROUGH SENSITIVE HABITATS.

AVOID SENSITIVE AREAS

- TRAVEL ONLY BY FOOT AND CHOOSE YOUR ROUTE CAREFULLY.
- GRASS, ROCKS, GRAVEL AND DIRT ARE THE BEST SURFACES TO WALK ON. AVOID WATER-LOGGED SOILS AND SLOPES/STREAM BANKS SUSCEPTIBLE TO EROSION.



- PRACTICE MINIMUM IMPACT AND FOLLOW REGULATIONS REGARDING THE USE OF TREE STANDS, BLINDS AND PLATFORMS. PLACING SPIKES, NAILS, WIRES OR OTHER METAL OBJECTS INTO A TREE TO ACT AS STEPS OR TO HOLD A TREE STAND IS NOT SUSTAINABLE.

- PACK OUT NAILS, ROPES, WIRE, RIFLE/SHOTGUN SHELLS AND OTHER TRASH.

DO YOUR PART

- DISMANTLE MEAT POLES AND OTHER STRUCTURES USED WHILE HUNTING.
- REMOVE FLAGGING AND BIODEGRADABLE TAPE USED FOR ROUTE FINDING.
- BEFORE AND AFTER A HUNT, WASH GEAR, PACK ANIMALS AND SUPPORT VEHICLES TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES.



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