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.

Respect the Rights of Others

- 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.
- Obtain a map of your destination and determine which areas are open to hunting for your desired game and type of travel.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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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