

Recreation Impacts on Natural Resources

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Source	Website	Issue	Study
Leave No Trace- Center for Outdoor Ethics	http://www.lnt.org/programs/principles.php	Outdoor Stewardship	7 Principles of LNT
National Atlas	http://www-atlas.usgs.gov/articles/boundaries/a_nwps.html	Wilderness	What is the NWPS and how was it created? Who manages Wilderness? What are the benefits of Wilderness areas?
Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research	http://www.wilderness.net/index.cfm?fuse=NWPS&sec=threats	Threats to Wilderness	What are the 5 listed threats facing Wilderness today and how can one
International Mountain Bicycling Association	http://www.imba.com/resources/science/impact_summary.html	Mountain Biking Impacts	What are some of the negative impacts to natural resources attributed to mountain biking? How do these compare to other trail activities?
USDA Forest Service	http://www.fs.fed.us/projects/four-threats/key-messages/unmanaged-recreation.shtml	Unmanaged Recreation	What are OHVs? Are natural resource managers required to manage for their use? Why are natural resource managers concerned with OHV use?
Tread Lightly!	http://www.treadlightly.org/course/inc/frameset/lessonframe.htm	Multiple Use & Motorized Access	What is the difference between motorized and mechanized use? What does the acronym TREAD mean? Know the means of negotiating terrain for both motorized and mechanized use. What is a soundscape? How can recreationists allow for future use?
United Nations Environment Programme	http://www.uneptie.org/PC/tourism/sensitive/coral-threats.htm	Tourism Impacts on Coral Reefs	Know the activities with direct and indirect impacts, and be able to specifically match the actual/potential impact with a tourism activity.
National Park Service	http://www.nps.gov/archive/yose/wilderness/climbing.htm	Rock Climbing in a National Park	What are some negative effects associated with climbing in Yosemite? How can these be mitigated?
Access Fund	http://www.accessfund.org/pdf/memhandbook.pdf	Rock Climbing Access and Ethics	How can climbers address issues of access? What are some agencies that manage lands with climbing opportunities and how do they differ? What does "climbing responsibly" entail? How does climbing in Wilderness areas differ from climbing on other lands?
Sierra Club	http://www.sierraclub.org/wildlegacy/downloads/2007publicwildlandsreport.pdf	Economic Impacts of Outdoor Recreation	What is the general economic trend of the Western United States in terms of consumptive/extractive use and sustainable use? What does this mean for the future of American public lands?
Birds Australia (source document changed to Foundation for Environmental Conservation)	http://www.stanford.edu/~cagan/SekerciogluOrniTourismEnvCons2002.pdf	Birdwatching	What is ecotourism? What are some positive and negative impacts of nature based tourism?
Recreational Equipment Incorporated	http://www.rei.com/learn/Camping/rei/learn/camp/clfoodstoragef	Food Storage & Wildlife	What are some measures of responsible food storage that will minimize human-wildlife encounters?
United States Fish & Wildlife Service	http://www.fws.gov/northflorida/SeaTurtles/SeaTurtleBrochure.pdf	Human Activity & Sea Turtle Nesting	How can recreational activities impact sea turtles and how can these impacts be minimized?