

# 4: Leave What You Find



**TAKE NOTHING BUT PICTURES -  
LEAVE NOTHING BUT FOOTPRINTS**

**TREAT OUR NATURAL HERITAGE WITH RESPECT.  
LEAVE PLANTS, ROCKS, HISTORICAL AND  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL ARTIFACTS AS YOU FIND THEM.**

- **Minimize site alterations.** Leave areas as you found them. If you clear an area of surface rocks, twigs or pine cones replace these items before leaving.
- **Avoid damaging trees and plants** - living trees may be damaged, dead trees are home for critters.
- **Leave natural objects and cultural artifacts.** Natural objects such as antlers, petrified wood and colored rocks add to the outdoors and should be left so other visitors can experience the same sense of discovery you enjoyed.
- **Cultural artifacts are protected by law.** It is illegal to take pot sherds, arrowheads and other artifacts found on public land.

