# THE CAMPWILD CODE

LEAVE IT **BETTER**

This is the sworn oath of the CampWild Community.

I will Leave No Trace, Be Sustainable, Responsible & Safe. I will, at all times, respect our Hosts, Local Communities & the interests of others. As a member of the CampWild Community, I will inspire others to experience the benefits of nature, continuously educate myself & others on best practice in nature & always ensure that my actions are, first & foremost, protecting & conserving the wild.

**I will Leave it Better.**

## 1 I WILL BE SUSTAINABLE

There will be no trace of my presence in the Wild. I understand that to safeguard our environment for future generations, protect local ecosystems & to preserve the reputation of the community, I must leave no trace, at all.

- The space I camp will look as it was before I arrived.
- I will take home any & all waste I create & recycle and/or compost wherever possible.
- I will protect water quality by urinating & defecating 30 metres from any water source & only ever using biodegradable & compostable wash products.
- If permitted, I will bury my poo at least 10cm beneath the ground & use as little compostable & recycled loo roll as possible.
- I will travel only on durable ground & use marked paths wherever possible. Where there are no marked paths, I will tread lightly & carefully to avoid disturbing flora & fauna.

## 2 I WILL BE RESPONSIBLE

I am a conscious camper. I am aware of the effects my presence may have on local flora & fauna and I will, at all times, ensure my actions have the most minimal impact possible.

- If dogs are permitted where I am traveling, I will keep my dog under control at all times.
- If campfires are permitted where I am traveling, I will always minimise their impact by using raised firepits. I will not scavenge firewood unless explicitly permitted by the host. I will not cut live wood.
- I will simply observe. I will not disrupt habitats or remove anything. Anything I do move, I will replace.
- I will respect wildlife, birdlife, insect life & plant life at all times.

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## I WILL BE SAFE

I know it is my own responsibility to ensure that myself & anyone in my group is prepared, understands the risks, has the appropriate equipment & is safe.

- I will always plan ahead & prepare. Utilising all available resources, I will study my route, be aware of hazards, ground conditions & the weather forecast.
- I will always carry the necessary safety kit.
- I will be cautious of rising water & tides, particularly in changeable weather.
- I will know who to call for help & I will know where to go for help or in an emergency. I will always have a bail out or escape route/plan prepared.

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## I WILL RESPECT OUR HOSTS & LOCAL COMMUNITIES

I understand it is a privilege to be on a host's land & I fully respect their interests, terms of access & land uses. I am aware that I am a guest in the land they manage & will be courteous & grateful at all times.

- I agree to be liable for any damage I cause to property, assets or land, accidentally or intentionally.
- I will study the hosts' terms of stay, access & parking before I travel & will adhere to these terms at all times.
- If applicable, I will always use the Snap In-Snap Out process.
- I will always close gates behind me & be aware of my surroundings, including the presence of livestock.
- If a host does not permit it, I will not start a campfire, bring a dog & I will remove all human waste.
- I understand that I am a guest in the local community & I will always respect local interests, livelihoods & ideals.
- If traveling by car, I will drive carefully through rural areas & park considerately where feasible. I will not block gates or entrances.
- I will give back locally, supporting businesses by stocking up on supplies in village stores, rather than at supermarkets.
- I will report any suspicious activity, remove any litter I find, or contact the host if I come across any evidence of a breach of the CampWild Code.