

You are the guest of honour in nature. Thank you for following the outdoor etiquette.

Respecting nature, getting around, camping, lighting fires and litter-free hiking – once you have mastered these, you are ready to head outdoors. Take note of the summarised tips for outdoor etiquette and always check the detailed rules of your excursion destination as well.

1. **Respect nature – leave no trace in it.** Keep pets on a leash. Observe animals and their young from a sufficient distance. Show consideration for plants. Plants being trampled is a problem in many places. Collecting plants is not permitted in protected areas. Building rock piles is harmful to nature and disrespectful of cultural values.
2. **Favour marked paths** and follow rules that apply to different ways of moving about. Check the areas and times in which access is possibly restricted at your destination.
3. **Only pitch your tent on sites where camping is allowed.** Do not wash the dishes or yourself directly in a water body. Follow the rules of wilderness huts. Be considerate towards other hikers and those staying in the hut overnight. They may be tired after their day's hike and wish to enjoy the peace and quiet of nature.
4. **Only make fires where it is permitted** and use a portable camping stove if you can. The person lighting a fire is always responsible for ensuring fire safety and extinguishing it. Do not make fire when the wildfire warning is in effect. Use the firewood on the campfire site sparingly.
5. **Do not litter:** take your rubbish back to an appropriate waste disposal point. A small amount of food waste may be disposed of in a composter or dry toilet, but not in other types of toilets, which may become blocked.

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