

LEAVE NO TRACE For Festival-goers

Know Before You Go

- Consider buying food from local farmers' markets or bringing it from your own garden.
- Before your arrival, repackage all of your food into reusable containers.
- Bring re-usable cups, plates, napkins, etc. This will cut down on the amount of trash, recycling and compost you produce at the festival.

Stick to Trails and Camp Overnight Right

- If possible, bring a bicycle to travel around town and to nearby areas once your camp is established instead of using a car for errands or picking up supplies. Better yet, bike to the festival!
- Walk (or ride) on designated trails to protect vegetation.
- Avoid stepping on flowers, plants or small trees. Once damaged they may not grow back.
- Camp only on existing or designated campsites to avoid damaging vegetation.
- Good campsites are found, not made. Trenching around tents or building structures in your campsite isn't necessary. Bring camp chairs and folding tables to meet your needs.

Trash Your Trash

- Re-use is the name of the game! Try to re-use your plates, utensils, cups, etc.
- Secure your campsite belongings well to reduce wind blown trash and litter. Keep a tidy camp!
- Separate your waste into categories for trash and recycling.
- Do your part to help clean up any litter that you see during the festival. Be a model for others.
- If pets are allowed at the festival (they are NOT at HSMF), bring bags to pick up pet waste and dispose of it in a garbage can.
- Keep water clean. Avoid putting soap, food, human or pet waste in lakes or streams.
- After the festival, pack out everything you brought with you. Leave the area as nice or better than you found it. Please remember to pack out your glass this year!

Leave It as You Find It

- Leave plants, rocks and other natural objects as you find them, so others can enjoy them.
- Treat living plants with respect. Carving, hacking, or peeling plants may kill them and is unsightly for other festival-goers.
- Turn off faucets and showers when finished to save water.

Be Careful With Fire

- Use a camp stove for cooking. Stoves are easier to cook on and create less impact than a fire (fires NOT allowed at HSMF).
- When campfires are allowed, before gathering or bringing your own firewood, check local regulations. Keep in mind that collecting firewood in heavily used areas depletes the wood source. Also, if you bring wood from home you could be introducing non-native species into the area.
- If you want to build a campfire, make sure it is allowed and safe to build a campfire in the area you are visiting. Use only existing fire rings to protect the ground. Keep campfires small, to minimize your impact.
- Burning food or garbage in your campfire is never a good thing. Make sure all wood is burned to ash and that your fire is completely out before leaving.

Keep Wildlife Wild

- Observe wildlife from a distance. Never feed, follow or approach wild animals.
- Human food is unhealthy for all wildlife and feeding them starts bad habits.
- Protect wildlife and your food by securely storing your food, trash and compost.

Be Considerate of Others

- When pets are allowed (not at HSMF), keep your pet under control to protect it, other festival-goers and wildlife.
- Respect the community that you are visiting. By being a model festival-goer, you can ensure that the local community will continue to host the festival in the future.
- Follow the golden rule of festivals: treat other visitors and locals as you would want to be treated.
- Establish a clean and green camping community! Collaborate with other nearby campers to share your resources and to Leave No Trace in a fun and festive manner!

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