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Hiking is a favorite pass time for many. The greater Milwaukee area is home to dozens of trails and parks, enjoyed by residents and travelers alike, year round.

These parks and trails are also home to many different kinds of wildlife. Insects, amphibians, birds, and many mammals rely on these niche habitats to survive.

Whether you are heading out on the trails for the first time, or a seasoned hiker, it is important to remember the Leave No Trace Principles in order to ensure trails and parks stay in good care.

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#1

Know Before You Go

Do your research before getting there. Check the weather, look at a park/trail map, and pack all of the essentials for your time outside.

#2

Choose the Right Path

Parks and trails are designed to be walked and played on. Avoid stepping on plants and the bare soil. This can unintentionally damage native plant species and overall affect the habitat.

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#3

Leave What You Find

As beautiful as nature can be, it is important to leave natural flowers, leaves, plants, rocks, or other parts of the natural habitat where they are. Take only pictures. Leave only footprints.

#4

Respect Wildlife

Remember, many wildlife species live where you are passing through. They are to be respected just as much as the habitat. Observe and enjoy their presence from a respectful distance.

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#5

Trash Your Trash

No trash should be discarded anywhere that is not a trash can. Litter can be harmful in so many ways. If no trash can is available, take trash back with you to discard of properly.

#6

Be Kind to Other Visitors

You are not the only one who enjoys the outdoors. Be kind to fellow visitors. There is plenty of space for everyone to appreciate nature and all it has to offer!

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