

Welcome to the Bridger-Teton National Forest

Key Practices for a Successful Camping Experience



We hope your visit is a memorable one. Please be safe and do your part to respect the land, wildlife, and other people. Best practices include:

Campfires

Building a Campfire

- Only use existing fire rings. If your campsite doesn't have a fire ring, do not build one of your own or have a campfire at that site.
- Keep your campfire small. Only burn a few large pieces of wood at any one time.
- Only burn vegetation (twigs, branches, small diameter logs, purchased firewood, etc.) that fits in the fire ring. Don't put trash, aluminum cans, glass, plastic, etc. into the fire ring.
- Always have someone watching the fire, looking for where stray embers travel and land.
- Consider not having a campfire during times of high fire danger or if you don't have appropriate firewood sources, water, shovel, etc. Stay informed of fire restrictions and follow all guidelines.

Putting Out a Campfire

- Ensure your fire is cold to the touch before leaving the area.
- Follow these steps to extinguish your campfire:
 - ✓ Pour plenty of water on the ash and remaining debris.
 - ✓ Stir the ash and debris with a stick or shovel, making sure to stir deep into the fire ring where hot embers may remain. Break up any remaining pieces of charred wood.
 - ✓ Put your hand to within an inch or two of the ash and remaining debris to feel for any heat. Repeat the above steps if necessary.
 - ✓ Finally, carefully place your hand in the ash and on any remaining wood for a final check that the fire is cold.

Food and Garbage

- Keep all food items, food containers, and coolers in a secure location unless you are preparing a meal or eating. These locations are limited to:
 - ✓ The inside of a hard-sided vehicle with the windows closed. Do not use a tent or pickup bed for food storage.
 - ✓ An approved bear resistant container. Note that coolers are not bear resistant.
 - ✓ Hanging at least 10 feet above ground and 4 feet away from tree trunks and away from sleeping areas.
- Return items to a secured location as soon as you have finished eating.
- Keep all full or empty bottles and cans, trash, or other items with food or beverage smells stored in one of the listed secure locations.
- Do not use the fire ring to discard or burn empty food or beverage containers.
- Store toiletries that have an odor such as toiletries and body products (soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc.) the same as food and garbage.

Human Waste

- Dig a hole to bury human waste, ensuring you are at least 100 feet from any water source like a river, stream, pond, or lake. Never bury any of the products listed below.
- Treat all toilet paper, diapers, and tampons as trash by collecting them and properly storing with other garbage.

Resource Damage

- Motor vehicles must stay on signed, established routes. Rule of thumb: tires should never touch grass or other vegetation.
- Do not drive past barriers that indicate travel should not continue beyond a designated location.
- Use designated trails or footpaths to reach common areas such as streams, lakes, toilet facilities, etc.