



Green Camping Tips

- Opt for a tent instead of a camper. Tents can go places motor homes cant and they make less pollution
- Check ahead of time if you can bring in outside firewood. Some places have restrictions and you don't want to bring in disease or a pest that doesn't belong there.
- Any items you need to buy before camping check around to find eco-friendly products, or products that have been recycled
- Instead of bringing up a stove use a campfire to do all your cooking. Most items can be cooked in tin foil, over a grate or in a Dutch oven. Plan your recipes ahead so that you can cook all your meals over the fire.
- Bypass all the Styrofoam and plastic picnic supplies. Purchase reusable supplies that you can use for many years. While washing them after each meal can be a hassle, it will reduce your garbage. Opt for biodegradable soap for dish washing, and be sure to wash the dishes away from water sources. Even biodegradable soap needs the soil to break it down.
- Use citronella candles and organic insect repellents instead of chemical repellents. Instead of paper towels, bring dish towels from home. You can string up a clothes line between trees to dry them when they become wet.
- Leave your campsite as you found it or cleaner and make sure the campfire is completely out.
- Purchase your produce from a local organic farm along the way to camp
- Be sure to set up your tent in a area that is not damaging to native plant life
- Always bring garbage bags and recycling bags
- Don't feed the wildlife
- When tying clothes line from trees be careful not to damage them
- Don't dump soapy water on plants or in fresh water sources
- Take you own sticks for hotdogs and marshmallows and don't break off branches
- Never burn plastics or anything that has been treated with chemicals
- Make use of solar power
- Invest in shower bags (black rubber bags you fill with water and leave in the sun all day to heat up to have a nice warm shower rather than contaminating a fresh source
- Use rechargeable batteries if you must use them
- Stay on hiking trails that are already there so as not to destroy wildlife