

VERMONT BACKCOUNTRY ETHICS

~ Leave Nothing But Tracks ~

1. PLAN AHEAD & PREPARE

- » Practice safety first.
- » Know where you are going.
- » Know your own and your group's limits, and minimize risks.

2. TRAVEL ON DURABLE SURFACES

- » Stay on deep snow cover whenever possible.

3. DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY

- » Pack it in, Pack it out.

4. LEAVE THINGS AS THEY ARE

- » Leave only tracks. No unauthorized cutting.

5. MINIMIZE CAMPFIRE & HUT IMPACTS

- » Use a lightweight stove for cooking and enjoy a lantern for light.
- » Leave huts and cabins in better shape than how you found them.

6. RESPECT WILDLIFE

- » Observe wildlife from a distance. Do not follow or approach wildlife. Winter is an especially vulnerable time for animals.

7. BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS

- » Any maintenance or cutting can be done only with permission, as part of an authorized project or program. Respect landowners, both public and private.
- » Respect other skiers/riders and all other users.
- » When ascending trails, keep clear and yield to downhill traffic. Avoid booting and snowshoeing in skin or ski tracks. When descending always stay in control, go one at a time, and slow down near others.
- » Respect designated areas, signs and wildlife.

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