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# Leave No Trace Principle 6 Respect Wildlife

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*Your journey to becoming an environmental steward continues here! Follow the Tahoe Rim Trail through the 7 Leave No Trace (LNT) Principles to develop outdoor ethics and earn your Leave No Trace Awareness certificate! Now stay on trail to learn LNT Principle 6 - Respect Wildlife.*



When you see wildlife, whether you are in a city park or desolate wilderness, it is important to respect it! This includes living animals and plants, as well as non-living natural objects like rocks and water. Before you go out in nature ask yourself, how can I keep wildlife *wild*?

**THINK:** Can you tell the difference between human and *wild*? Look at the pictures on the right. Some are natural and wild, while others are man-made and harmful to nature. Check the correct box below each picture. Check the box to the left of the red symbol under pictures that show disrespect to wildlife and check the box to the left of the green symbol under pictures that are works of nature!

**HINT:** Unsure what the picture is? Click on it for more information!



## Correct The Disrespect

There are many things that disrespect wildlife and sometimes we might not even know we are doing it! See the signs of disrespect below and fix them! Next to each picture, write why you think it's disrespectful and correct it with the respectful thing to do instead.

Loud Music



Handwriting practice lines for the 'Loud Music' section. The section contains 10 sets of horizontal lines, each consisting of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line.

Feeding Wildlife



Handwriting practice lines for the 'Feeding Wildlife' section. The section contains 10 sets of horizontal lines, each consisting of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line.

Littering



Handwriting practice lines for the 'Littering' section. The section contains 10 sets of horizontal lines, each consisting of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line.

## Two Rolls Make a Right

Discover how you can respect wildlife, from a distance!

**Here's the game** – You are going to observe nature in your own backyard. The problem is, you don't have any tools! Grab two empty toilet paper rolls, a string or shoelace, and tape or 2 rubber bands or a stapler, and you'll have a pair of binoculars in no time. See the step-by-step directions below to build your binoculars and decorate them however you want! Once you're done, put them to the test!

1



### Gather your materials:

Two empty toilet paper rolls, tape or two rubber bands or a stapler, yarn or a string or a shoelace.

Optional: Use markers, colored pencils, stickers, or construction paper to decorate it!

2



### Connect the rolls:

If you are using a stapler, staple the rolls together on the inside. If you are using tape, wrap the tape around the rolls on the outside. If you are using rubber bands, space them out around the rolls to hold them together.

3



### Attach the string:

Poke a hole on one end of each toilet paper roll, so that the holes are in the same spot on each side. Tie one end of the string through one of the holes, then tie the other end of the string to the other hole.

**THINK:** While you are outdoors using your binoculars, how can you make sure you are observing wildlife from a respectful distance?

**HINT:** Use your thumb! Hold your arm away from your body, give a thumbs up, and distance yourself far enough from the animal so that it looks no bigger than your thumb. Give it a try!

## Respect And Reflect!

Now take a picture of your binoculars and let's reflect!

1. How can binoculars be used to respect wildlife? Were you able to see any wildlife with your binoculars? Explain.
2. When respecting animals, how will their size determine how far away you should be? **HINT:** Think about the thumb rule!
3. What is one way people disrespect non-living things in nature? What can they do instead?



4. How does respecting wildlife connect with another Leave No Trace principle that you already learned? Which one? Explain.
5. Why do you think it's important to respect wildlife?

**HINT:** Trash makes wildlife less wild. Make sure you are disposing of your waste properly. In the Tahoe Basin, you should have a bear box or bear canister to keep the bears and other animals from eating your food and trash! Don't be that guy →



*"I shouldn't, but I'm going to have the garbage."*

You did it! After filling out this worksheet, you earned the right to **respect** and now you're ready to trek on to the next Leave No Trace principle! Keep an eye out on our [webpage](#) for the next worksheet.

Take one step closer to earning your Leave No Trace Awareness certificate by sending this worksheet and a picture of your binoculars to [juliak@tahoerimtrail.org](mailto:juliak@tahoerimtrail.org). Further your impact by supporting the TRTA's mission to [inspire stewardship](#).

