

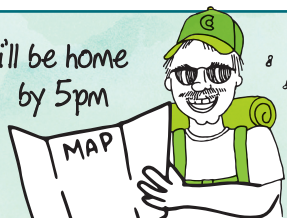
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# LEAVE NO TRACE

Abiding by these 7 principles will preserve the land in its untarnished state for future generations to enjoy.

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i'll be home  
by 5pm



## Plan Ahead + Prepare

To help reduce environmental impacts and conflicts between groups.

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ah, nature!



## Camp in Designated Campsites

Camp only in designated numbered campsites or developed campgrounds.

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a little  
privacy please



## Dispose of Waste Properly

Have a plan: if a restroom is unavailable, bring WAG bags or a portable toilet and pack out all waste (pet and human).

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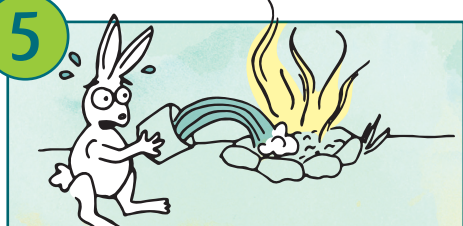
cheese!



## Leave What You Find

Take only pictures: do not touch cultural or historic structures and artifacts. Leave rocks, plants and other natural objects as you find them.

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## Minimize Campfire Impacts

Campfires can cause lasting impacts to the environment. Where fires are permitted, use established fire rings or fire pans. Burn all wood and coals to ash and put out campfires completely.

6

want  
some  
trail  
mix?

don't feed  
the animals, man!



## Respect Wildlife

Observe wildlife from a distance. Do not follow or approach them. Control pets at all times, or leave them at home. Avoid wildlife during sensitive times: mating, nesting, raising young, or winter.

7

how rude!



## Be Considerate of Other Visitors

Respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience. Be courteous. Yield to other users on the trail.

Scan me for  
more pro tips!



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# CRESTED BUTTE CAMPING CHANGES

**Camping** is an ideal way to experience Crested Butte, and the go-to getaway lodging choice for many locals and visitors.

You may have noticed, however, that it has gotten crowded—*really crowded*—out there. The explosion in camping has led to resource damage, escaped campfires, spiderwebs of “social” routes and roads, and sanitation issues.

In 2021, the US Forest Service will continue implementation of its camping management strategy in the Crested Butte area by shifting to a designated camping system in the following drainages: **Brush Creek, Cement Creek, Gothic, Kebler Pass, Slate River, and Washington Gulch**. This means camping in these specific drainages will only be allowed at designated numbered sites. This is a change from the dispersed camping management that has historically been in place in this area.

## What will a designated site look like?

Sites are designated by a numbered 6-inch by 6-inch wooden post, a metal fire ring and a parking spot.

## What are the regulations?

- ▲ Fires are only permitted in established metal fire rings.
- ▲ Two vehicles per site are allowed.
- ▲ Vehicles must stay on designated routes.
- ▲ Do not leave any property unattended for more than 24 hours.
- ▲ Sites are first come first serve.
- ▲ If a restroom or dumpster is unavailable, pack out **all trash** including human waste via a portable toilet system or WAG bags.

## When will each drainage become designated camping only?

Expect to see each drainage adopt the new regulation according to the following timeline\*:

- ▲ **Washington Gulch and Slate River**  
May 2021
- ▲ **Kebler Pass and Brush Creek**  
September 2021
- ▲ **Cement Creek and Gothic**  
October 2021

## Things to Know

This regulation includes all roadside vehicle and tent camping in the areas of Slate River National Forest Service Road (NFSR) #734, Washington Gulch NFSR #811, Brush Creek NFSR #738, West Brush Creek NFSR #738.2A, Kebler Pass NFSR #12, Lake Irwin NFSR #826, Cement Creek NFSR #740, and Gothic NFSR #316. **Dispersed camping will not be allowed in these areas.**



**With these changes, visitors need to plan for reduced capacity as sites fill up quickly.**

Visitors should also be prepared with a backup plan if their first choice is unavailable. The vast majority of the Gunnison Ranger District accessible by road remains available for traditional dispersed camping.

\*These dates are subject to change. Scan QR code inside for the most up-to-date information regarding the change to designated camping.



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