



leave no trace



# Dispersed Camping Guidelines

On the Mt. Hood National Forest

## **DISPERSED CAMPING is camping outside of developed campgrounds in general forest areas**

National Forests are yours to enjoy and protect. You may camp anywhere in the Mt. Hood National Forest that is not designated for another use, or signed closed to camping. Observe a few simple guidelines to make your stay fun, safe, and to leave a clean forest for your children.

- You are limited to a maximum of 14 days per visit, with at least a 30 day break between visits. Total days in a year in the Forest must not exceed 28 days in a calendar year.
- Camp at least 100 feet away from a road or trail. Use the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) for open travel routes. Look for a spot away from fragile meadows, and at least 200 feet away from the shoreline of any stream or lake.

## **WOOD FIRES (Dispersed Sites):**

Campfires are a familiar and warm camping tradition, but there are some things to consider before building a fire.

- You must have at least a two gallon bucket of water, a long handled shovel, and an axe with you.
- Make sure your fire is "Dead Out" before sleeping or leaving – this includes charcoal briquettes. Drown it, stir it, touch it; repeat as necessary to extinguish the fire.
- Use an existing fire ring, or if you need to make one, please disperse the ring before leaving the site.
- You are encouraged to use camp stoves to conserve ground cover resources. If you build a fire, be sure to gather only dead and down wood for your personal use while camping.

## **Salmon River Corridor Temporary Closure – NO CAMPING - NO CAMPFIRES**

Due to many concerns for Natural Resources and Public Health and Safety an Emergency Dispersed Camping and Campfire closure is now in place, within ¼ mile of Salmon River Road, 2618. The temporary closure order was set in place to encourage and promote vegetation restoration, reduce excessive use of the land and natural resources, prevent further natural resource damage such as cutting green trees, and reduce impacts from improper disposing of garbage and human waste. The Green Canyon developed campground is open for camping in the Salmon River corridor.

## **GARBAGE:**

If you pack or carry it in, pack or carry it out. This includes dog poop bags!

## **HUMAN WASTE - or, what to do when nature calls**

Choose a spot at least 200 feet away from any stream or lake, dig a small hole six inches deep; take care of your business, cover it with soil and replace the duff. Always dispose of your waste and toilet paper by completely burying it.

**Thank you for visiting the Mt. Hood National Forest.  
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