



leave no trace

NEW ZEALAND

LESSON

Leave What You Find



STARTER

Imagine that you are the leader of a tribe or group. You need to make a religious/cultural symbol that represents your tribe with the materials in the area (discuss what are appropriate materials – dead and down, small.) (5-10 min).

Each person shares their cultural symbol with the rest of the group and explains why it is important. All the tribe leaders then go and have a discussion about the best cultural symbol.

While the “tribal leaders” are talking the facilitator pretends to be an uninformed trumper and goes through knocking down, removing and defacing the cultural symbols.

DEBRIEF THIS EXPERIENCE

How did it make you feel as a tribal leader?

Explain the Leave No Trace principle: Leave What You Find.

Ask group: Can you think of a time when you have removed something from the environment? Each person shares and discusses.

Explain the Leave No Trace principle: Leave plants, rocks, and animals as they are.

Think about how these things are used in the natural world.

- Shells become calcium in the soil.
- Feathers can be used by birds for their nests.
- Rocks/wood protects insects from other animals and the elements.

Ask each person in the group to think of an introduced species to New Zealand and what that species does. Each person shares and discusses.

Explain that Leave What You Find also means not introducing foreign species. Why do you think that fits in with this principle? (it won't be as you found it if the ecosystem is changed).

7 Principles of Leave No Trace

- Plan Ahead and Prepare
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
- Dispose of Waste Properly
- Leave What You Find
- Minimise Campfire Impacts
- Respect Wildlife and Farm Animals
- Be Considerate of Others

