

LEGO & Leave No Trace

Did you know that building with LEGO can be a fun way to learn more about Leave No Trace?! The following activities will challenge your learner with prompts that help connect them with outdoor stewardship while playing indoors. Let your imagination take off in this exciting activity for individuals or families alike. Want to show off what you created? Use #leavenotrace and tag @leavenotracecenter on social media. As always, check with an adult first before posting any photos online!

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Can you build the Leave No Trace swirl?

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Build a LEGO scene that relates to Principle 6: Keep Wildlife Wild!



Build an insect that lives in your neighborhood or local park?

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INTERMEDIATE

Have you visited a state or national park? Build your favorite memory!



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Build a scene that shows how your family spends time together in your local park.

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Build these essential items that help prepare you for a fun trip to the outdoors!

- water bottle
- camera
- backpack
- flashlight
- map
- compass

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The Department of Fish and Wildlife needs your help! Build a machine that helps people rise, drain, and dry their boats to prevent invasive species.

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Choose 20 LEGO bricks to build a tree that you have seen in the outdoors. You'll need to plan ahead and pick the pieces that you think you'll need for the challenge. Have your pieces? Ready? GO!

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Build a campsite that includes a camp stove, tent, and a place to keep food safe from wildlife!



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Supporting Resources

For builders, parents and anyone else looking for more information! The information below provides context and explanation about why the LEGO building challenges on the other side of the paper are linked to Leave No Trace. Understanding the simple connections to Leave No Trace help us all to become more informed stewards of the outdoors.

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<p><u>The Leave No Trace Swirl</u></p> <p>The swirl design has been a part of Leave No Trace for a very long time. For many it is the symbol for responsible recreation and stewardship in the outdoors. What does the swirl mean to you?</p>	<p><u>Keep Wildlife Wild</u></p> <p>Keep Wildlife Wild is the sixth principle of Leave No Trace. It is up to all visitors to view wildlife from a safe distance. Visitors should never feed wild animals because human food is unhealthy for these amazing creatures.</p>	<p><u>Insects!</u></p> <p>Parks near our homes have so many cool creatures that we can't see unless we look very closely! Insects are a part of nature just as much as other larger animals. What insect did you choose and why?</p>
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<p><u>Memories from a Park Visit</u></p> <p>Many people learn about Leave No Trace for their first time when they visit a local, state, or national park. Favorite memories from a past visit may help you remember how to practice Leave No Trace on future visits!</p>	<p><u>Families & Parks</u></p> <p>Spending time outside with your family or community is a great way to enjoy the outdoors! Many parks have picnic tables, grills, and other items to serve large groups. Practice Leave No Trace by picking up your group's trash and litter, any food waste, and keeping pets under control.</p>	<p><u>The 10 Essentials</u></p> <p>The 10 Essentials are a list of items that many people bring with them so that they can be prepared to have a fun and safe time outside. Other items on the list include a first aid kit, extra clothing layers, snacks, and matches.</p>
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<p><u>A Rinse, Drain, Dry Machine!</u></p> <p>Every year, land management agencies spend millions of dollars to prevent invasive aquatic animals like zebra and quagga mussels from entering bodies of water. You can do your part to prevent the spread of these species by rinsing a boat with clean water, draining the areas where water stores, and finally, drying off the boat!</p>	<p><u>Build an Tree</u></p> <p>There are so many different types of trees—maple, douglas fir, spruce, willow, palm. By practicing Leave No Trace, you can do your part to protect all of these trees and keep ecosystems healthy! What tree did you choose to build? Why?</p>	<p><u>Advanced Campsite</u></p> <p>Camp stoves are the perfect way to cook food when camping—they are efficient, easy to clean, and minimize campfire impacts. It's important to store food in a safe place so that wildlife are not attracted to your campsite. Your tent is NOT a good place to store food or other smellables!</p>