Wilderness Ethics

Excerpts from the Wilderness Act of 1964...Wilderness is:

- "...an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammeled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain."
- "...land retaining its primeval character and influence, without permanent improvements or human habitation."
- "...affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable."

Leave No Trace, Guidelines and Tips:

- Stay on the trail, spread out and tread lightly if traveling cross-country.
- Camp on durable surfaces and in already used sites when possible.
- Make yourself known and step off the trail when passing horseback riders.
- Pets are not allowed in the wilderness.
- Plan for your trip. Bring proper gear, including: plenty of water, food, first-aid supplies, matches, compass, map, light.
- Let someone know of your trip plans.
- Tie horses with tie lines rather than on trees.
- Camp more than 200ft away from water sources.
- Scatter horse manure when in camp settings.
- Leave all things as you find them, including: plants, animals, rocks, historic sites.
- Pack out anything you packed in.
- Bury human waste 6-8" deep, 200' away from water sources.

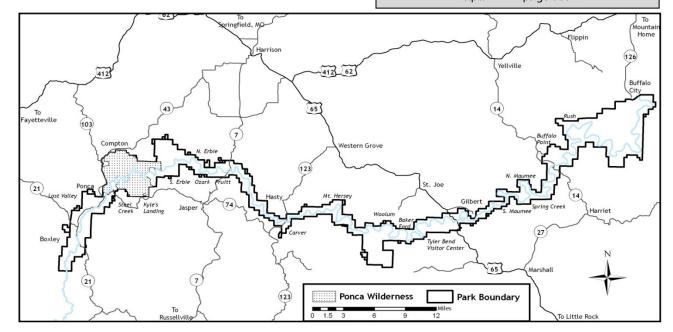
Additional Information

- Primitive routes are typically old roads; they are unmaintained and washed in many spots.
- Park trails are marked with white blazes for hiking only, and yellow blazes for hiking/horse riding.
- Responsible horse riders, please clean up after your horse at trailheads.
- ATVs and bicycles are not allowed on the trails.
- Ticks are common, and Poisonous snakes and spiders are present, but rarely a problem.
- **Backcountry camping** must be more than ½ mile away from established park campgrounds.
- Vehicle Shuttling services are available from local concessioners; call the Information Station, Headquarters, or surf the web for information.
- The Compton-Erbie Road (CR-19) is in poor shape, 4x4 vehicles only, avoid when possible.

Watch-Out Situations

Ice Storm Damaged Trees Unstable/Slippery Footing Tripping Hazards Changing Weather Cliffs/Rock Ledges

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