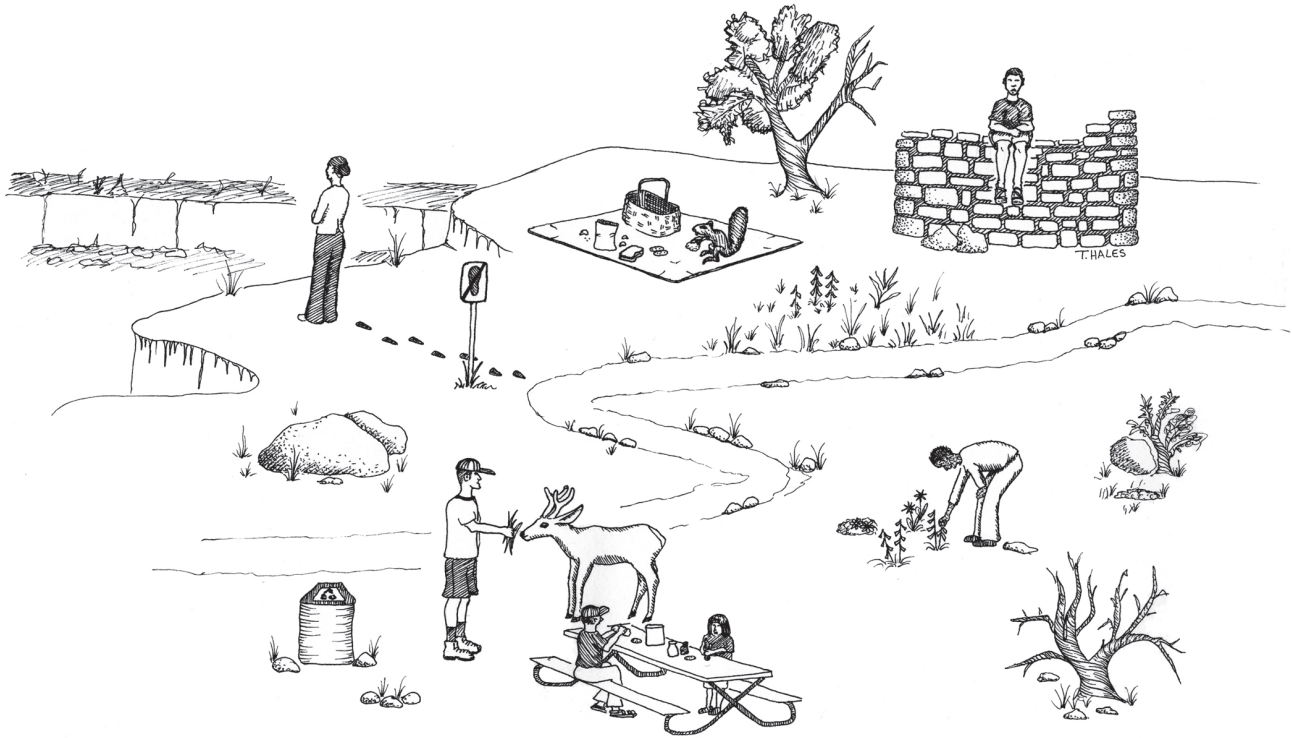




How Can I Help?

You can help the national parks by becoming a good steward. A steward is someone who helps take care of something that belongs to someone else. Since we share this world with millions, even billions of other people, we all should know how to be a good steward while visiting special places like Mesa Verde. It's easy. All you have to do is know and follow the rules of the park. Learning the rules helps you understand what type of actions can hurt the park or even put you in danger.

Look at the picture below. See if you can help take care of the park by finding five things people are doing that could hurt them, or are harmful to the plants, animals, and cultural sites around them. Then, try going one step further and describe WHY their actions are harmful. (Visit the [Park Etiquette](#) web page for ideas.)



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Examples: Feeding wildlife human food is not healthy for them and can be dangerous for you. Food left unattended on picnic blanket for wildlife to get into. Touching, leaning, or sitting on an ancient wall can cause it to crumble. Going off the trail tramples plants and wildlife habitat, and can be especially dangerous near cliff edges. Picking plants takes away the seeds for the plant to reproduce itself, and the opportunity for others to see them.