

For you to understand why respecting wildlife is a big deal, try it yourself. Either observe a person eating their lunch and see how they react or ask a family member to do that to you when you least expect it. Pretend they are a wild animal; watch them with binoculars, try to pet them, or yell at them telling them how cute they are.

What did you notice? How did it feel to be watched doing a routine thing?

Animals need food, water, and shelter for survival. Use the following activity to think more about your impacts on animals' homes when you visit a natural site.

- 1. Pick your favorite animal from these choices: squirrel, raccoon, bear, deer, chipmunk, cardinal or fox.**
- 2. Think about the following scenarios and decide what would be helpful and what would be bad for an animal.**
- 3. Discuss with your family or troop why you chose that category for each.**

Food

- Campers leave their food sitting out while they went for a hike and the animal had a wonderful dinner.
- The animal became dependent on people food and started visiting local farms at night.
- The animal ate an apple core that hikers left behind because they thought it would decompose.
- Campers packed out all of their garbage and left you no food.

Water

- Hikers followed proper waste burial techniques.
- Campers left a buffer zone around the river and the animal was able to get a drink.
- Boaters tossed empty wrappers and cans into the river.
- Campers did their dishes in the river.

Shelter

- Hikers packed out their garbage.
- Backpackers buried their garbage in a pit.
- Campers set up their tent too close to the animal's home.
- Hikers watched you from a distance and then kept on walking.

Leave No Trace Activity Sheet To Be Used With Principle 6 Video

Use this page to draw a picture of the correct way to put a bear bag up in a tree.