

Camp Piperwood Leave No Trace Educational Letter Boxing Course

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Welcome to your letterboxing course. During this adventure, you will earn three of the five requirements for the Brownie Letterboxing badge and learn about the 7 Leave No Trace Principles. In this course there will be no hitchhikers, parasites, cuckoo clues, or micro boxes. Please remember to hide all boxes better than you found them. We hope you have fun!

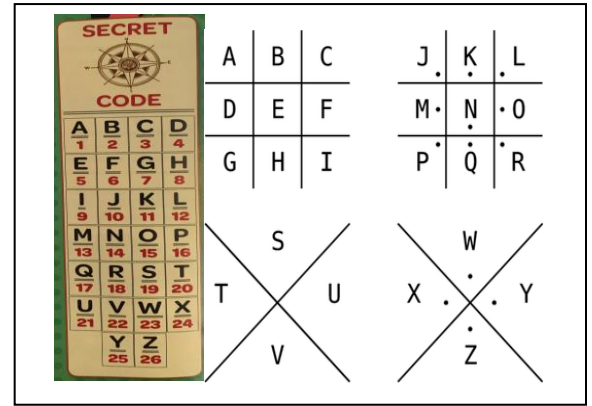
Definitions:

Hitchhiker: a letterbox hidden within another letterbox (when found the hitchhiker is moved to a third box)

Parasite: a letterbox within a hitchhiker (when found it is moved with the hitchhiker)

Cuckoo Clues: a clue to a letterbox hidden within a different letterbox

Micro boxes: very small letterboxes, great for urban hiding



Box 1: Plan Ahead and Prepare In Leave No Trace Principles, it is important to plan ahead and prepare. Adequate trip planning and preparation helps backcountry travelers accomplish trip goals safely and enjoyably while minimizing damage to the land.

Clue 1: Start in the Florence Fryer Unit. Take the red trail. On your right, there is a cluster of 3 trees together. Wedged in the trunk of the tree that splits into three will be your box.

Box 2: Stay on the Path (Hike and Camp on Durable Surfaces) Damage occurs when plants and other wildlife are trampled. Always stay on the designated trail. Go through the mud, not around it to help prevent the erosion of the path and spread of the mud.

Clue 2: 23 1 12 11 4 15 23 14 20 8 5 8 9 12 12 1 14 4 15 14 25 15 21 18 12 5 6 20 9

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Box 3: Pack it in/ Pack it out (Dispose of Waste properly) Anything you bring in, you should take out with you. This includes any garbage you made while hiking or camping.

Box 7: Be Considerate of Others One of the most important components of outdoor ethics is to maintain courtesy toward other visitors. Excessive noise, uncontrolled pets, and damaged surroundings take away from the natural appeal of the outdoors.

Clue 7: When the path forks, go to the left. This should lead you to the kitchen shelter. In one of the corners, under weeds and rocks is your last box.