

VISITING NATURE IN SLOVENIA

Nature in Slovenia is diverse and beautiful as it is a combination of the Alps, the Mediterranean, and continental Europe. In Slovenia, we have a system of conservation and we take action to improve the attitude of the generations currently living in this area towards nature in order to preserve it. More than three quarters of land is privately owned, but everyone is allowed to visit forests, rivers, mountains, and the sea respectfully, as well as use the trails. Visiting nature for rest and recreation has a long tradition in Slovenia and a number of organizations provide a good example of how to do it.

Visiting nature and enjoying its benefits is becoming increasingly popular. Visitors from abroad join the locals; the offer of outdoor activities for visitors is increasing. Quite an effort will be required to preserve nature for future generations and us.

The assembled code of conduct represents guidelines that respect the legislation and are based on traditions and conduct developed over time. The guidelines in this document are described generally and commonly for anyone to use them.



I RESPECT NATURE.

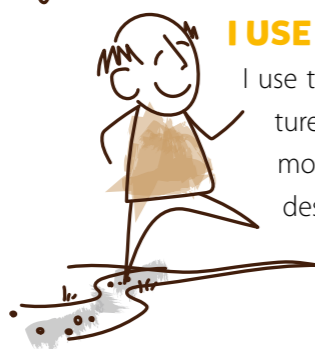
I LEAVE NO TRACE.

I dispose of waste into designated bins or at municipal collection points, including biological and most importantly hazardous waste. I never leave or dispose of them in nature. I use fire in properly prepared fire pits or fire rings only; I put it out and clear the area completely before departure. During wildfire alerts, I respect the ban on fire and don't start it at all.



I USE TRAILS.

I use trails to reduce my impact on nature and ensure my own safety. I drive motor vehicles and bikes only on designated roads and trails and in doing so, respect the restriction on driving in a natural environment and on private property.



I LEARN ABOUT NATURE AND CONTRIBUTE TO ITS CONSERVATION.

I find out information on natural values and protected areas. I respect the set rules during my visits to nature. I only observe plants and animals, I don't damage, disturb or take them from their natural environment. I collect plants, mushrooms and wild fruit only where this is permitted and as regulated. I conduct hunting and fishing according to the rules. I never enter into forest reserves and no disturbance zones in the forests and protected areas. In particular, I do not access animal dens, bird nests, wildlife feeding lots, and protected areas of the sea. I do not release pet animals and decorative plants or alien and invasive species into nature, nor do I move plants or animals from one place to another.

I ALERT ANIMALS TO MY PRESENCE BUT DO NOT DISTURB THEM.

I alert animals of my presence by talking so that they can withdraw. I do not approach wild animals and do not feed them. I keep my dog under control.

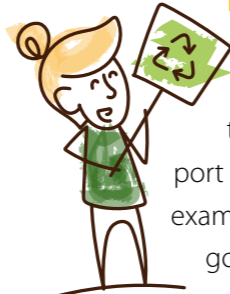


I do not cause unnecessary noise and respect the right to quietness in nature.

I SERVE AS AN

EXAMPLE TO OTHERS.

With my respect for nature, dissemination of conservation awareness, and support to conservation organizations, I provide an example to others. I respect the rules and laws governing conservation and notify the responsible authorities in case of violations.



I RESPECT MYSELF.

I KNOW MY ABILITIES AND RESPECT THEM.

I plan and adapt my visit to nature in accordance with the current weather and my knowledge, fitness, and abilities. I plan my visit so that I can enjoy it and respect nature with its inhabitants at the same time. I ensure my own safety and safety of others.



I AM ADEQUATELY EQUIPPED.

I have appropriate shoes, clothes, and other equipment for the planned visit to nature, as well as enough food and drink with some reserve.



I VISIT NATURE FOR MY BENEFIT.

I visit nature because it benefits my health and wellbeing. Visiting nature and recreation in it strengthen the body and the soul. When I visit nature, I learn about nature and myself as well as from nature.



I PARK IN PARKING SPACES.

I stop and park my vehicle so as not to obstruct others. Even if I am alone at the moment, I do not block side tracks and trails and I enable others to park as well.



I RESPECT OTHERS.

I GREET.

It is customary to greet others in nature. A greeting is an opportunity for communication with the locals and for the mutual exchange of information among visitors.



I GIVE PRIORITY TO THE WEAKER.

On trails, I give priority to those weaker than myself. In a shelter, I give priority to those who need it more. In traffic and on multipurpose trails, pedestrians have priority before cyclists and motorists, as cyclists have before motorists. On the water, swimmers have priority before vessels, moving vessels avoid the stationary ones, and smaller vessels avoid larger ones.



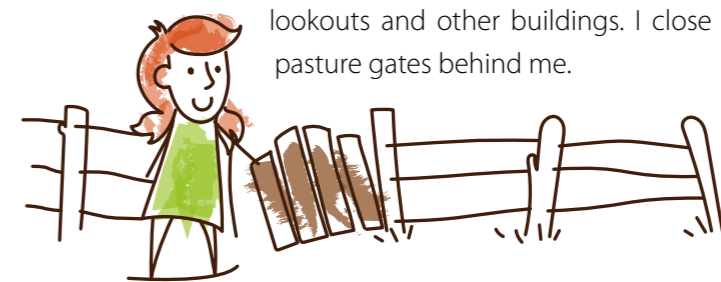
I TAKE CARE OF SAFETY.

With my knowledge, information and appraisal of circumstances, I help others according to my abilities, without jeopardizing my own safety. In case of an accident, I call 112 and follow the instructions.

I RESPECT PROPERTY.

PROPERTY OF OTHERS IS NO RIGHT OF MINE.

In most areas of Slovenia, farming and forestry are conducted. I do not use the property or collect the products such as fruit, crops or firewood. I also do not use hunting lookouts and other buildings. I close pasture gates behind me.



I DO NOT WALK ON FARMLAND.

I do not walk on meadows, fields, in vineyards, orchards, and close to beehives.

I AVOID WORKSITES.

I avoid the sites where farming and forestry operations are conducted, ensuring safety for myself and for others. On the sea, I avoid navigating near fish and shellfish farms or fishing vessels at work.



I RESPECT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

I LEARN ABOUT AND RESPECT LOCAL CUSTOMS.

During my visit, I learn about local customs. I respect them and take them into account.



I LEARN ABOUT AND USE LOCAL NAMES.

The cultural landscape I visit is a result of the traditional land use reflected also in the names of places and areas. I contribute to the preservation of the naming and the understanding of the landscape by learning and using it.



I BUY LOCAL.

I support the local community by buying local products and using local services. This also contributes to preserving the landscape and nature.

