

Be a green hiker

About WWF's Green Hiker Campaign

Green Hiker Campaign is part of WWF's initiative aimed at raising awareness about the vulnerability of our Himalayan mountain ecosystems and the grave environmental damage that unsustainable tourism can cause. This campaign is for hikers, trekkers, pilgrims, tour operators, hoteliers, students and **ANYONE** who impacts the environment and would like to protect it.

The campaign encourages everyone to be a green hiker by adopting eco-friendly practices while hiking in nature.

Green Hiker Campaign in Bhutan

WWF Bhutan launches Green Hiker campaign on September 27, 2011- World Tourism Day in collaboration with Nature Recreation and Ecotourism Division, Ministry of Agriculture and Forests and Association of Bhutanese Tour Operators.

Following the launch in Clock Tower, Thimphu the campaign participants will visit Lampelri, Royal Botanical Park located 45 mins drive from Thimphu. Participants will be taken on a guided tour of the park by park staff along the Rhododendron Garden trail and Sherichhu nature trail. While on the hike, participants will observe the Hikers Code of Ethics.

Hikers' Code of Ethics

The following are some suggested code of ethics to make hiking a safe and pleasant experience:

1. Respect and be sensitive to local customs and beliefs.
2. Take paths to the left of Buddhist holy sites such as Monasteries and Stupas.
3. Do not pluck flowers, plants or harm wildlife.
4. Do not pollute water resources.
5. Always stick to trails to keep your self and the natural habitat safe.
6. Avoid loud noise, and flashy outfits as this can disturb wildlife.
7. Carry sufficient cooking gas and refrain from cutting down trees/branches for camp fires.
8. Do not throw cigarette butts as this can cause forest fires.
9. Carry a first aid kit- medication for common ailments and high altitude sickness.
10. Bring back non-biodegradable trash and leave plant and animal life as you found them.
11. When leaving camps, ensure they are as clean as when you arrived.