



Leaving a Minimal Impact on Teller Lands

For School and Youth Group Visitors

Many people visit Teller each year for conservation and education activities. To minimize your group's impact, we ask all visitors to practice good stewardship, responsible behavior and provide clear expectations to your group during your visit. Please reinforce the guidelines below with your students to insure a successful learning day in the field.

1. All visitors must have permission to utilize Teller field sites. Field trip request forms are available on our website or from our office.
2. To increase the likelihood of seeing (and not disturbing) wildlife, we recommend using quiet, observant movement in the outdoors during your visit. Please minimize your disturbance by...
 - Keeping a respectful distance from wildlife. In the spring be especially aware of nesting birds, and other wildlife young, such as fawns.
 - Keep voices low when visiting Teller field sites.
 - Walk quietly and stay on trails when possible, and no running please.
3. Clearly define the area and boundaries of your field site and communicate these boundaries with your students. Assigning partners helps keep track of each participant.
4. Please leave any "found" materials where they lie. With many people visiting Teller each year, we ask that all visitors leave the natural parts of the ecosystem in place to help us maintain healthy wildlife habitat. When you find something special, be sure to show it to others, and then leave it where you found it. Remember that rocks and sticks belong on the ground.
5. Please do not pick any live plants (unless you are removing weeds).
6. Leave "no trace" of your visit. If you see trash, we appreciate you picking it up and packing it out. Be especially careful with wrappers and food scraps during lunch or snacks—do not leave any "food for wildlife." Pack it in, pack it out.
7. Weed seeds: Weeds are a growing concern in many natural areas in Montana, including Teller. If weed seeds hitch-hike a ride on your clothing, please put them in your trash bags, rather than throwing them on the ground. We appreciate your help in reducing the spread of noxious weeds.
8. Parking: If you are driving onto Teller, park in designated parking areas only.

We appreciate your efforts in reducing your impact while you visit!

Teller Mission: To inspire, educate, and demonstrate conservation in action.

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