

DOCUMENTING NATURE WITHOUT damaging it!

Big Backyard BioBlitz

#NCCBioBlitz

Be a responsible BioBlitzer.
While you're out snapping photos and capturing audio clips, make sure you respect the ecosystems around you.

Stay on the trail to avoid trampling plants and insects, breaking branches or compacting the soil.

Protect wild creatures by keeping your distance (and keeping your dog on a leash if you're bringing it along). Use your camera's zoom function to get the perfect shot without causing any stress to your photo subject. Once you've got your shot, move along quickly so the creature can get back to its business.

Share your snacks with your friends, not with wildlife. Your food can harm wildlife and teach them to become dependent on humans.

Take photos, not other souvenirs. Leave the flowers, berries, etc. where you found them so that everyone, including the species that depend on them, can enjoy them.

Take *all* of your garbage home. That includes apple cores and other organic waste, which can take a long time to break down and might introduce non-native plants to an ecosystem. Better still, bring a bag with you, gather up any existing litter and leave the area looking better than when you arrived!

Be a good guest. Park in designated spots only and respect private property and any trail closures.



Photos (clockwise from top left):
Group On Hike by Laura Robson;
People At Gould Lake by Danielle Goodvin;
Volunteer Takes Photo by NCC;
Agassiz Trail by NCC.