



BIG TREE STATE

Visitor Best Practice Guide

We all want to experience the trees, however, we also must appreciate that we all contribute to an accumulative impact. These seemingly invincible living structures have existed for many hundreds of years before we showed up. Respecting the simple fact these trees are alive really helps limit our impact. We can respect them by...

Cleaning your shoes

Phytophthora is a microscopic pathogen that can kill trees. Typically it is transported into new areas on people's footwear and camping equipment. Simply cleaning your shoes can help prevent the spread. However, the most effective control measure is applying a disinfectant like PhytoClean that specifically targets phytophthora spores and destroys them in seconds. You can purchase a small amount of PhytoClean in our shop to use on your travels. www.bigtreestate.com/shop

Staying on the track

Tracks are there to provide access, but they are also very effective environmental control measures. Tracks limit the impact of hundreds of feet that can compact soils which limits nutrient absorption by the trees. Tracks are also very effective at controlling erosion and the spread of phytophthora.

Choosing to avoid standing on the base

We all want a great photo but standing or climbing on the tree base can damage the tree's vascular system that is very close to the surface under the bark. Once the vascular system is damaged no nutrients can be transported and the tree declines in heath.

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