

# Leave only footprints

National parks are special places that are strictly protected through the National Parks Act, the Conservation Act, the Wildlife Act and the Marine Reserves Act.

Visiting a national park may require visitors to behave differently than they would in their home or school environments.

## Respect the land

- Remove rubbish. Carry out what you carry in and encourage others to do the same
- Camp only in DOC approved sites, make bookings for camp sites and huts through DOC, and leave no trace of your visit
- Only light fires where permitted
- Stay on walking tracks to avoid causing erosion or damage to plant and animal habitats - snails are particularly vulnerable
- Only use the approved toilet facilities

## Respect the water

- Keep streams, wetland areas, and the sea clean. Do not drop rubbish or wash dishes in natural water sources

## Respect plants and animals

- Tread carefully to avoid disturbing bird nests, snails and fragile plants, such as tussocks and mosses
- Use your eyes to observe, and when touching plants be gentle. Avoid pulling, breaking off or hitting plants in the park
- Give animals the space and sense of safety they need by keeping your distance

## Respect each other

- Respect our rich bicultural heritage by protecting historical sites and leaving objects where they are found
- Keep your voices down and make room for others on the tracks and at open sites
- Respect private property adjoining the park

