



## Hunting Information

### Public Lands on Lopez Island

Archery Early	September 1-28	Lopez Hill, SJINM
Muzzle Loader Early	September 29-October 7	Lopez Hill, SJINM
Modern Firearm Early	October 13-31	Lopez Hill, SJINM
Modern Firearm Late	November 15-18	SJINM
Archery Late	November 21- December 31	SJINM
Muzzle Loader Late	November 21- December 15	SJINM

- San Juan County is a Leave No Trace county (see next page).
- Spread out deer ‘gut piles’ and other animal items beyond the wood line, out of sight, and away from trailheads and roads for undisturbed raptor dining.
- Check online Polaris program for San Juan County which will show where adjacent properties are located near public lands (<https://sjcgis.org/polaris/>)
- Know that others are recreating on public lands during hunting season.
- Email or text San Juan Islands National Monument and San Juan County Land Bank with a photo or other information when your hunt is successful. We do not have many photos of hunters and we can use these to help share the story of hunting on public lands!  
[gteague@blm.gov](mailto:gteague@blm.gov) (509) 860-3972 or [sjclandbank@sjclandbank.org](mailto:sjclandbank@sjclandbank.org)
- The San Juan Islands National Monument is currently working on a Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement. To help ensure your voice is heard and to make comments on hunting and recreation, please email and join the listserv.  
[blm\\_or\\_sanjuanislandsnm@blm.gov](mailto:blm_or_sanjuanislandsnm@blm.gov)
- The SJINM/BLM office is located in Lopez Village at 37 Washburn Place. Maps are available outside the door.
- For more information please contact: Nick Teague, BLM at (360) 468-3754 and the San Juan County Land Bank at (360) 378-4402

# San Juan Islands 7 Leave No Trace Principles

## 1. PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE

To stay safe, reduce stress and make the most of your visit:

- Know the rules, regulations and special concerns for the area you'll visit.
- Prepare for extreme weather, tides, currents, hazards and emergencies.
- Check weather reports.
- Schedule your trip to avoid times of high visitor use.
- Read books and maps, check online and talk to people before you go.

The more you know about the area, the more fun you'll have!

## 2. STICK TO TRAILS AND CAMP OVERNIGHT RIGHT

To protect fragile areas such as rocky outcrops with lichens, moss and plants; shoreline and tidepool areas, and native prairies; and respect private property:

- Walk and ride in the middle of designated trails.
- Do not create new trails or trample undeveloped areas
- Camp only in designated campsites.

## 3. TRASH YOUR TRASH AND PICK UP POOP

Human waste and garbage can be harmful to plants and animals, visitors, and the marine environment. To protect wildlife, human health and keep water clean:

- Pack it in, Pack it out. Put litter—even crumbs, peels and cores—in bags and dispose of in garbage cans.
- Plan ahead and use toilets.
- If toilets are not available, bury human waste in a small hole 6-8 inches deep and 200 feet or 70 big steps from water. Pack out toilet paper in ziplock bags and dispose of it in a garbage can
- Use a plastic bag to pack out your pet's poop to a garbage can.
- Do not put soap, food, human or pet waste in the Salish Sea, lakes or streams.

## 4. LEAVE IT AS YOU FIND IT

To allow others to enjoy the natural beauty of the San Juan Islands and keep visitors safe:

- Leave plants, rocks and historical items as you find them so others can enjoy them.
- Treat living plants with respect. Carving, hacking or peeling plants may kill them.
- Avoid introducing or transporting non-native plants and animals.
- Do not build driftwood forts, furniture, or dig trenches.

## 5. BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE

To keep your fire from harming plants, animals or other visitors:

- Use a camp stove for cooking. Stoves are easier to cook on and create less impact than a fire.
- Do not build fires on the beach.
- Use only existing fire rings and keep your fire small.
- Burn all wood to ash and be sure the fire is completely out and cold before you leave.
- Pack out all trash and food. A fire is not a garbage can.
- Purchase firewood from a local vendor or gather on site if allowed. Bringing firewood from home can harbor tree killing insects and diseases.

## 6. KEEP WILDLIFE WILD

Stressing or feeding wildlife damages their health, alters natural behaviors, and exposes them to predators and other dangers. To keep wildlife healthy:

- Observe wildlife from a distance and never approach, feed, or follow them.
- Learn and follow the Be Whale Wise guidelines for boating around marine mammals.
- Protect wildlife and your food by securely storing your meals and trash.
- Control pets at all times, or leave them at home.
- Know and follow leash rules and pet prohibitions for the area you are visiting.
- Give wildlife extra space during sensitive times (e.g., mating, nesting, raising young, or winter).

## 7. BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHER VISITORS

To increase the enjoyment of the outdoors for all visitors:

- Keep your pet under control to protect it, other visitors, and wildlife.
- Yield to other users on the trail.
- Leave generous space between you and other visitors.
- Avoid making loud noises or yelling. You will also see more wildlife if you are quiet.

