Paddling Safety

- Dams are hazardous and can be deadly. Learn to recognize them – not all are marked. Always portage around dams.
- Wear a properly fitted personal flotation device (PFD) - life jacket
- Research/scout out your trip and paddle water appropriate to your skills.
- Check weather and conditions before you paddle - including relevant river flow levels (river flow data is available at http://waterwatch.usgs.gov) and wind warnings (for lakes).
- Always tell someone about your plans, including where you intend to kayak and when you expect to be back.
- Look out for and avoid possible hazards such as overhanging or submerged tree branches, a high volume of water, unpredictable currents, low water temperature, and other craft.
- Talk to local kayakers for information specific to the waterway you plan to paddle.

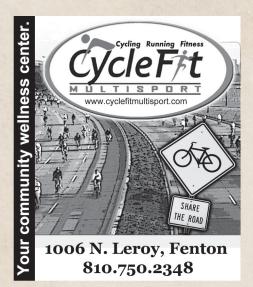
Leave No Trace

Leave No Trace is an Educational and Ethical program designed to assist outdoor enthusiasts in reducing their impact on nature. The following principles lead to responsible use and enjoyment of the outdoors:

- · Plan ahead and prepare
- Travel and park on durable surfaces to reduce impact to natural areas
- · Dispose of waste properly
- Leave what you find (unless it's trash!)
- · Respect wildlife
- Be considerate of others and protect the quality of their experience.

Contact the Leave No Trace program at 800-332-4100 or www.lnt.org

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