

# *River Friendly Camping 101*

*A college degree isn't necessary to understand Respect the River principles when camping near streams and lakes. Please protect fish and wildlife habitat by taking note of these River Friendly campsite practices.*

- Compacted, hard soils can't absorb water or grow trees and plants. Please keep motorized vehicles on designated roads, away from streambanks, lakeshores, and wet meadows.*
- Logs in streams and on riverbanks create pools for fish and prevent soil erosion. Please collect campfire wood at least 300 feet away from streams, rivers, and lakeshores.*
- Streams are highways for fish migrations. Please don't build rock play dams in streams that block fish passage to spawning areas.*
- Forest plants grow by the inch, but die by the feet. Avoid making new trails to streams.*
- Litter and human waste destroys the natural beauty of this area. Please pack out your trash and use provided toilets. If no toilets are available here, bury human waste in an 8 inch deep hole underground, at least 200 feet away from any water source. Underground decomposers will break down the matter naturally.*

*Graduation to a higher level of camping ethics will ensure that future generations can enjoy healthy and beautiful streams too!*

