

WHY CARRY IN, CARRY OUT?

Thank you for being a steward of your **Monroe County Parks** by taking an active role in keeping them clean and green. There are many ways that our Carry-in/Carry-out policy helps to improve your parks.

Taking responsibility for our waste encourages awareness of our impact on natural resources, and can prompt environmentally-friendly behaviors such as recycling, and use of recycled or biodegradable products.

The parks belong to all of us...so just like our own homes...it is our responsibility to care for them and protect them for generations to come.

- It fosters a partnership between visitors and the parks by encouraging all visitors to help maintain clean parks.
- It empowers the public to take responsibility in keeping parks clean.
- It eliminates unsightly trash and receptacles in the park environment that can detract from the beauty of the natural environment.
- You reduce unsightly litter in the park environment, which can impact wildlife habitat significantly.
- Avoids the unpleasant smells and messes associated with dumpsters.
- Increases the safety of your visit by reducing the number of bees, wasps and other pests (such as skunks and rats) in the picnic areas and campgrounds.
- Improves health of wildlife by reducing their dependency on trash as a food source.
- Saves money used to pay for garbage disposal, which can then be spent to improve your parks in other ways.
- Redirects staff resources to other necessary park improvement projects.
- Prompts parks users to use eco-friendly (recyclable, recycled, biodegradable, or sustainable materials and supplies).
 - Encourages parks users to bring reusable containers.
 - Encourages recycling of materials generated by parks users.
- Conserves your parks for future generations to enjoy.



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