



## **Please practice Leave No Trace principles while on the Lowest to Highest Route...**

*The Lowest to Highest Route is a unique resource, entirely conceptual and in no way endorsed by the National Park Service or other managing agencies along the way. The route passes through harsh, yet fragile, ecosystems in the midst of the most populous state in the nation. Help us preserve the L2H as we know and love it by minimizing impact and by not bringing unfavorable attention to the route.*

### **For the benefit of all, we ask that you consider the following:**

- Adhere to Leave No Trace principles, even in areas that may seem already impacted.
- The L2H provides the kind of adventure that is intended to be invisible on the land, with the hiker feeling as though she is pioneering. To maintain the integrity of this unique experience, please leave no markings or signs (natural or otherwise) to indicate the route or your presence on it.
- Water caching is not universally considered a best LNT practice, but many will choose to do so. Please hide water caches as well as possible and consider leaving any wording specifically referencing the L2H off of the containers.
- Please don't create public water caches or leave your extra water behind for public use. Cache only for yourself or those you are directly supporting.
- Burying water is unnecessary. If you must bury anything, please attempt to replace the dirt and make it look as close to original as possible.
- Most hikers find that food caching is unnecessary on the L2H. If you do decide to cache food, please make sure it has no chance of being disturbed by wildlife.
- Remove all garbage, including water bottles and cache buckets. Otherwise these containers will not likely be packed out, and in this harsh environment, they will inevitably become scattered across the desert. If you discover other hikers' litter, please bring it with you.
- Toilet paper will not break down easily in this environment. Please carry all used toilet paper out.
- Please do not feed wildlife or leave food.
- Please consider forgoing a campfire. If you do build a fire, please follow the LNT method for building and dismantling your fire.
- Have fun and be careful!

**Please do your part and do not leave *anything* behind after your hike. Your fellow hikers, as well as Death Valley National Park, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Inyo National Forest, appreciate your help!**