

EXPLORE OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM. LEARN INSIDE OUR STATE.

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### Care for Colorado - Emoji Style Lower Loop Trail at Crested Butte

Crested Butte offers many stunning trails for visitors to explore and be surrounded by nature. [Lower Loop](#) is a popular trail for families but Crested Butte has many trails for families. A quick stop at the Visitor Center at 601 Elk Avenue in downtown Crested Butte will provide more information about the trails in the area.

It is important to remember that when we use trails, we should be good stewards of the outdoors. To help with this, Colorado has created the Care for Colorado principles based on Leave No Trace's seven guiding principles for us to follow. These seven principles provide tips to help us protect our trails and ensure their use for future generations. Review the seven principles in the [downloadable brochure](#) and [watch this short video](#) that explains the principles.

#### Word Alert:

**Principle**—a truth that is the bottom of a belief or behavior.

#### Questions to Ask:

1. What are the seven principles of Care for Colorado, Leave No Trace?
  - *Know before you go.*
  - *Stick to the trails.*
  - *Leave it as you find it.*
  - *Trash the trash.*
  - *Be careful with fire.*
  - *Keep wildlife wild.*
  - *Share our trails and parks.*
2. Why are these important for hiking and caring for Colorado? *Answers will vary, but might include to protect the plants and wildlife, ensure the trails can be used in the future*


3. Look at the brochure to see the pictures that are there for each principle. Which ones seem like they express the emotion or action? *Answers will vary but possible ones are the trash can, fire*
4. Depending on the answers given in number 2 question, ask what makes the emotion or action clear and easily identifiable? *ex. The trash can is clear because everyone knows what a trash can looks like and someone looking quickly at this would know it was trash*

**Activity:** How many times do you or your parents use an emoji (a small digital picture to express a feeling) to respond to a text? From a laughing face to an airplane, often when people text, an emoji appears at the bottom to encourage us to use a picture in place of or beside the word. Now is your chance to create emojis. Review the questions and example below before creating your own emojis to represent two of the seven Care for Colorado principles.

Questions to think about:

- Which principles would you like to create a new picture for?
- What picture pops in your head when you think of that principle?
- How would you draw that?

See below for an example:

Principle	Emotions/thoughts	Possible Emoji
1. Know before you go.	Imagining, planning, thinking, preparing	

## Care for Colorado - Emoji Style

Principle	Emotions/thoughts	My emoji

Who could you share these emojis with? *ex. friends, family*