

Create a better world!

The world we live in is a very special place - our collective home. You would think that nothing lives in the cold of Antarctica, but you'd be wrong. It is filled with wildlife. There are no trees, and few flowers, but when the snow melts they pop up their heads and show their colours.

Every place on Earth has its own unique environment. Even in cities, you'll find wildlife surviving. In Antarctica we wouldn't have survived with the native wildlife. Even in my home county of Kerry we live off the land, growing grains for bread, vegetables and fruit to eat, and grass for our animals.

On your adventures you will pass, as I did, through open wild places. These are places you will learn to love. Each of these places is special and over time you will understand its unique place on our planet and become a champion to ensure it is not destroyed. There is a journey that starts with fear of unknown places, becomes knowledge of a place, and grows into a love and desire to protect that place.

Keep these promises in mind.
Explore any opportunity to act on them!



The Principles of Leave no Trace

1. Plan ahead and prepare.
2. Be considerate of others.
3. Respect farm animals and wildlife.
4. Travel and camp on durable ground.
5. Leave what you find.
6. Dispose of waste properly.
7. Minimise the effects of fire.

