

URBAN FOREST CODE OF CONDUCT



Urban forest is just one step away from the city.

It enriches us with its beauty, improves public well-being and health and provides space for socializing, recreation and relaxation. Urban forest also provides us with wood, mushrooms, nuts and other fruits, improves environment, increases biodiversity and mitigates climate change. Urban forest code of conduct reminds visitors of urban forests of proper behaviour, by respecting property, admiring and discovering its beauty and secrets.

Urban forest is the best outdoor classroom for all its visitors. Let's preserve it this way.

I RESPECT NATURE.

I Leave No Trace.

I collect all waste and dispose it into designated bins or at municipal collection points. I never leave or dispose waste in nature.



No Fire In Forest.

Fire destroys plants and animals. Therefore, I use fire in properly prepared fire pits or fire rings only. I put it out and clear the area completely before departure.

I Use Trails.

I use trails to minimize my impact on nature and ensure my own safety. I do not walk on meadows, fields, in vineyards, orchards and close to beehives.



I Learn About Nature And Contribute To Its Conservation.

I find out information on natural values and protected areas. I only observe plants and animals, I don't damage, disturb or take them from their natural environment. I collect plants, mushrooms and wild fruit only where permitted and regulated. I hunt and fish according to the rules. I never enter forest reserves and no disturbance zones in the forests and protected areas.



I Do Not Disturb Animals.

Wild animals are very shy and flee if they notice visitors. I alert animals of my presence by talking so that they can retreat. I do not approach wild animals and do not feed them. I keep my dog on a leash due to large numbers of visitors and other dogs. I do not cause unnecessary noise and I respect the right to keep calm in nature.



I RESPECT OTHERS.

I Give Priority To The Weaker.

On trails, I give priority to those weaker than myself. Pedestrians take priority over cyclists and cyclists take priority over motorists.



I Take Care Of Safety.

According to the knowledge I possess, my judgement of circumstances and the way I react to them, I try to help others by using my abilities without jeopardizing my own safety. In case of an accident, I call 112 and follow instructions.

Motor Vehicles Only On Designated Roads.

I only drive motor vehicles on designated roads and trails. By doing so, I respect that driving in natural environment is restricted.



I Park In Parking Spaces.

I park my vehicle in designated parking spaces and in a way that I do not obstruct others. I serve as an example to others.



I RESPECT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

I Learn About And Respect Local Customs.

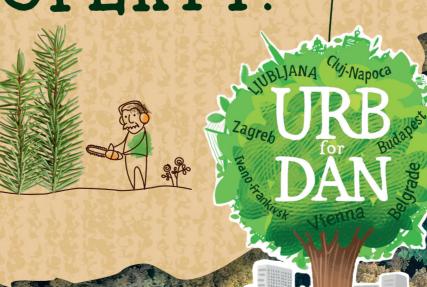
During my visit, I learn about local customs. I respect and observe them to support the local community.



I RESPECT PROPERTY.

I Avoid Worksites.

I avoid sites where farming and forestry works are performed, ensuring safety for myself and for others.



Protecting our Urban Forests

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