

# Diving

## CHECKLIST

- Snorkel
- Mask
- Fins
- Wetsuit, Dry suit or Semi dry suit
- Dive booties
- Socks and gloves
- Gear bags
- Weight belt and weights
- Dive knife
- Wet suit wash
- Anti fog gel
- Spear gun or hand spear
- Rash vest
- Instruments
- Regulator
- Wrist computer
- BCD
- Underwater torch
- Underwater camera
- Sunscreen
- Dive flag
- Tank banger
- Books and maps



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## LEAVE NO TRACE PRINCIPLES



Anaconda is a proud supporter and platinum sponsor of the Leave No Trace organisation, who educate Australians on how to minimise their impact and inspire responsible travel and recreation in our great outdoors.

Australian waters are rich and diverse in underwater plants and marine life. Discovery below the surface enables divers to experience a whole new world that can be just as colourful as the landscape above. Leave No Trace aims to preserve these watery wonderlands for divers to visit and for ecosystems to flourish for the future.



### Plan ahead and prepare

Know the regulations and obtain any relevant permits for the area you will visit. Check if spear fishing is allowed.  
To reduce your impact on a reef, be proficient at swimming techniques, buoyancy, body position, kick style and navigation.  
Learn the skills and be prepared for any emergency.  
Dive with a buddy or small group for safety.

### Travel and camp on durable surfaces

Dive within designated areas of reef and follow natural paths, which can be determined by the direction of currents, especially along the reef walls.  
Be mindful that your fins do not kick the coral and do not walk on reefs as these are very fragile environments.  
Choose the deepest area to enter the water to not damage the reef.

### Dispose of waste properly

"Pack it in, pack it out". Take out all rubbish, food and litter in stuff sacks or zip lock bags.  
Do not dump oil overboard.  
In ocean environments, transport solid human waste to disperse in deep water that has strong current and wave action.

### Minimise campfire impacts

Check local regulations and observe total fire ban days before lighting a fire.  
Consider if a fire is really necessary. If you need a fire, use an established fire ring.  
If there is no fire ring, excavate a shallow depression in the sand below the high tide line. Be sure to remove and scatter all ash before filling in depression. Use only dead and downed wood that is around 50cm long and no thicker than your wrist. Ideally use a portable stove to cook.

### Leave what you find

Leave dive sites as you find them.  
Leave rocks, shells, other natural objects and historical artifacts in their place as they provide homes for marine life.  
Take lots of photos instead. Help the managers of the marine sites by alerting them of infestations of introduced marine species or rubbish.

### Respect wildlife

While in the water, stay at least 30m away from marine life & avoid startling them.  
Do not feed fish, birds and other wildlife as it can cause them to be reliant on human food and could cause serious illness.  
Store your food in containers marine life cannot access.

### Be considerate of your hosts & other visitors

Run boats at low throttle near divers to reduce noise impacts and increase safety.  
Keep your distance from other divers and avoid stirring up the bottom.  
Take responsibility to ensure your group respects others.