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**“When you leave (the camp), leave nothing
but your thanks and a good name.”**

Lord Baden-Powell

Vegetation Impacts

Vegetation Loss



Tree Damage



Spread of Invasive Species



Purple Loosestrife



Kudzu

Soil Impacts

Soil Compaction



Soil Erosion



Loss of Organic Litter



Wildlife Impacts

Wildlife Disturbances



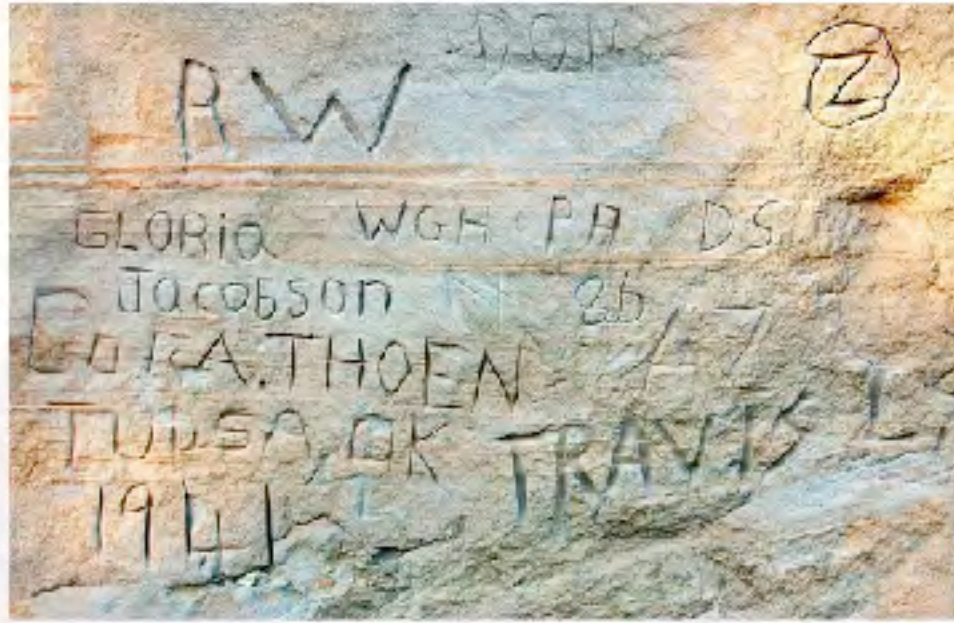
Altered Behavior



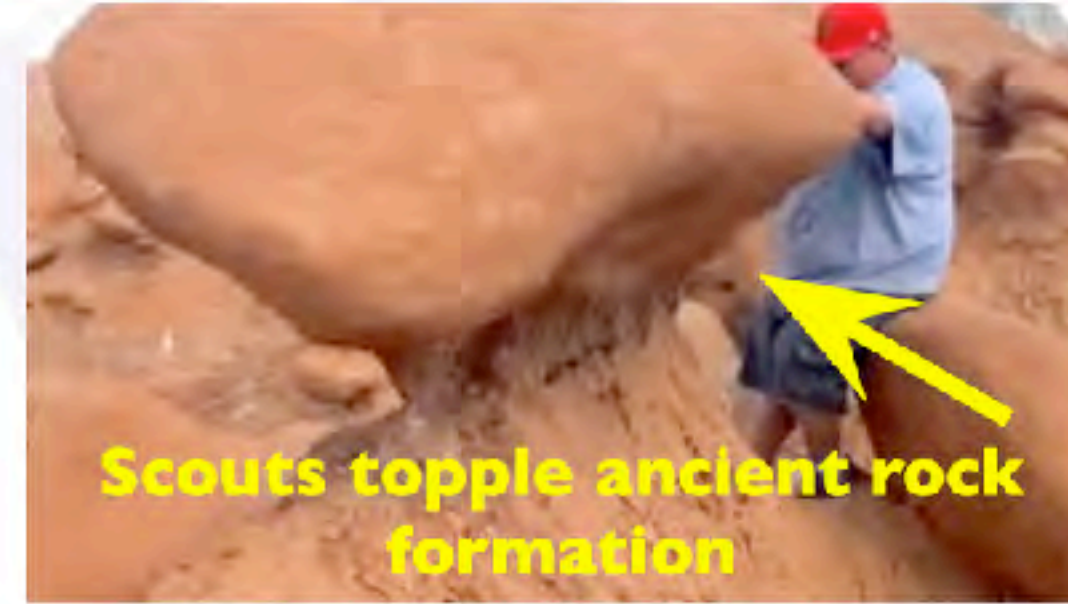
Reduced Health and Reproduction



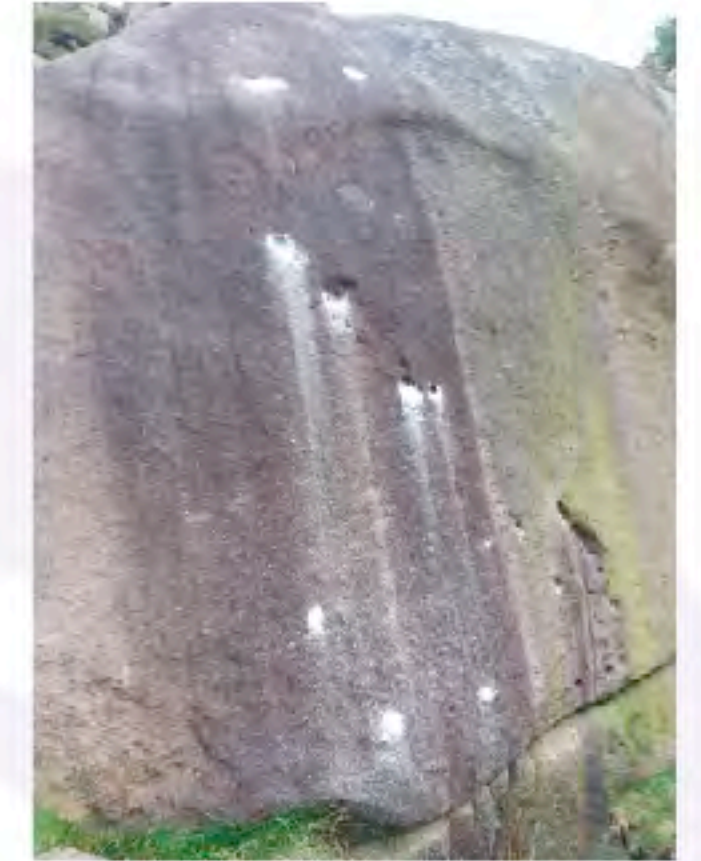
Geological Impacts



Defacing by Painting, Scratching, or Carving



Destruction of Rock Formations



Chalk Marks



Removal of Unique Rock Specimens



Charred Rock



Bullet Holes

Water Resource Impacts

Turbidity and Sedimentation

Dirty Water



No Animal Access



Social Impacts

Overcrowding



Conflicts



NOISE

Cultural Resource Impacts

Theft of Artifacts



Damage to Archaeological Sites



Scouting Impacts

Wild Behavior



Large Groups



NOISE

Poor Skills



Inappropriate Play



Do our campfires always need to scar the land?



Do we need to bring wood tools with us whenever we go camping?

