

# Environmental Sustainability

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We are committed to fostering the natural environment and minimizing our impact on the natural world. We believe that it is our responsibility to operate in a sustainable manner and to leave a legacy of environmental stewardship for future generations in the Keweenaw and beyond.

More specifically we strive to:

- comply with all applicable environmental laws and regulations
- reduce our carbon footprint by reducing energy consumption, using renewable energy sources, and implementing energy-efficient practices
- conserve water by using water-efficient appliances and fixtures, and by recycling and reusing water whenever possible
- minimize waste by reducing, reusing, and recycling materials
- foster and enhance the natural habitats and ecosystems on our property
- educate team members and guests about environmental sustainability and encourage them to adopt sustainable practices

We are proud of the progress we have made, but we know that there is still more work to be done. We are committed to continuing our efforts to protect the environment and to create a more sustainable future for all.

Some initiatives that we are working on as it pertains to environmental sustainability:

- reduce our energy consumption by 10% over the next five years
  - increase our use of renewable energy sources to 50% of our total energy consumption over the next ten years
  - reduce our water consumption by 20% over the next five years
  - recycle 75% of our waste over the next five years
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## **Initiatives**

### **Audubon International**

Audubon International is a non-profit organization that provides certification programs for sustainable golf courses, resorts, and communities. Audubon International's mission is to promote sustainable practices in the golf industry and to protect the environment.

### **Quiet Park International**

Quiet Park International is a non-profit organization that promotes the creation of quiet parks and natural areas. Quiet parks are places where people can go to experience the natural world without the distraction of noise.

### **Get Closer to Nature**

Get Closer to Nature is a program of the National Audubon Society that encourages people to connect with nature through outdoor activities. Get Closer to Nature offers a variety of resources, including field guides, birdwatching tips, and nature walks.

### **Eco Tourism**

Eco tourism is a form of tourism that focuses on minimizing the negative impact on the environment. Eco tourists typically travel to natural areas and participate in activities that are respectful of the environment.