



**OUTWARD BOUND  
INDIA - HIMALAYA™**



### **What is a dry-pit toilet?**

A dry pit toilet is a basic toilet with a pit dug into the ground. A wooden box with a potty seat, like the one you have at home, is placed strategically on top of this pit. There is a pile of mud/sand/lime lying just outside the loo tent, with a scoop on top.

### **How do I use it?**

Like you would use the one at home. Only difference - after you are done, scoop some mud from the pile you'll find just outside the bathroom tent. Remember, dropping the mud from the top will dirty the seat and leave it crunchy for the person using it next. Always drop the scooped mud from the rear of the box, which is open ended. Scoop enough to cover your job and make sure you leave the seat clean.

### **How is it eco-friendly?**

This bio-toilet breaks down the faecal matter very quickly due to greater microbial activity in the ground. In a couple of weeks there is nothing left, and a pit can be dug in the same spot again.

**Why is there no water in the toilets?**

Water invariably seeps into the ground water. Due to our proximity to flowing streams and rivers – which trekkers often have to cross or splash to cool down with, water in toilets are at our campsites are completely banned in any OBIH Program.

**Why are there no chemical toilets?**

Chemical toilets work very well in the outdoors - however, in India, the safe disposal of this chemical is not made possible yet. Therefore, they can be a greater polluting hazard than flush toilets.

**We need your help to keep the toilets clean. Thank you!**