



Hot Spots are all public lands—city parks, forests, open space lands, national parks—across the country that have sustained damage from overuse. The Hot Spot program provides weeklong, onsite education and events, engaging local communities in training, service and outreach.

In its seventh year, the Leave No Trace Hot Spot program has helped dozens of damaged public lands regain their health and long-term sustainability. By identifying and working with Hot Spots across the nation, we rapidly move toward recovery and protection of these places and their American heritage into the future.

Chosen Hot Spots will receive the following:

- Consultation on solutions and program implementation from the Center
- A week-long set of programs lead by expert Leave No Trace Traveling Trainers
- Training workshops for volunteers, employees, and key members of the community
- Locally-tailored programs to meet site-specific needs
- Leave No Trace educational materials
- Volunteer citizen monitoring programs
- Assistance in putting the Leave No Trace program into action

The Center accepts nominations from individuals, land managers, youth serving and educational organizations, partners, members and governmental agencies for areas, both large and small, across the country.

Selections are based on a number of criteria including, but not limited to:

- Type and severity of impacts
- Collaborative community of stakeholders
- On-the-ground staffing resources
- Potential media engagement
- Ability to continue work beyond Hot Spot
- Geographic location