

LEAVE NO TRACE CENTER FOR OUTDOOR ETHICS

TRAINING



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THE NEED FOR LEAVE NO TRACE EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Nine out of 10 people who visit the outdoors are uninformed about Leave No Trace and minimizing their impacts.

With over 13 billion trips into the outdoors in the U.S. every year, people are causing significant damage, and that damage is adding up. This includes ecological and social impacts, many of which can be avoided or minimized by putting Leave No Trace skills and ethics into action. Thriving wildlife, clean water, healthy parks and sustainable trails all are a reality when people practice Leave No Trace. Costly and irreversible damage to our shared lands is eliminated or substantially reduced through Leave No Trace education and training. Furthermore, research shows that people who learn about Leave No Trace change their behavior in the outdoors and share their knowledge with others, helping to create a nation of outdoor advocates.

The Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics' (The Center) mission is to protect the outdoors by teaching and inspiring people

to enjoy it responsibly. This is accomplished through education, research, partnerships and volunteerism. The Center works with governmental, academic, commercial and nonprofit partners to provide educational literature and courses designed to foster the adoption of low impact skills and ethics by outdoor enthusiasts.

Leave No Trace training consists of a three-tiered course structure. The five-day Master Educator Course is the most advanced training, followed by the two-day Trainer Course, and then the one-day Awareness Workshop. These courses are designed to educate participants about the Seven Principles of Leave No Trace and the minimum impact skills and ethics associated with each Principle. Participants in Master Educator and Trainer Courses also learn how to teach these topics in both a formal and non-formal setting. The Center's network of educators now consists of over 50,000 Trainers, 9,000+ Master Educators and millions of individuals who have participated in Awareness Workshops.

LEAVE NO TRACE MASTER EDUCATOR COURSE

The five-day Master Educator Course is the top tier of Leave No Trace training. This course provides participants with a comprehensive training on Leave No Trace skills and ethics with practical application during a field-based course. Participants learn minimum impact techniques through multiple methods including discussions, scenarios, demonstrations, and hands-on activities.

The Master Educator Course is also designed to prepare participants to be the best possible

teachers of Leave No Trace regardless of setting. This is done by exploring and practicing various teaching styles, effective communication techniques, and by having the participants prepare and present a Leave No Trace lesson for their peers. Successful graduates of a Leave No Trace Master Educator Course are qualified to offer both the Leave No Trace Trainer Course as well as Awareness Workshops. Research has shown the following:



85% of Master Educator Course participants go on to teach Leave No Trace to others



Master Educator Course participants show an increase in knowledge, understanding and adoption of Leave No Trace skills and ethics



Approved Master Educator Course Providers





TRAINER COURSE

The two-day Leave No Trace Trainer Course is a vital component of the national Leave No Trace program. It is a condensed version of the Master Educator Course and is designed for educators, guides, agency employees, other outdoor professionals and anyone interested in learning more about minimum impact skills and ethics. This course covers the Seven Principles of Leave No Trace as well as techniques for disseminating these low impact skills.

The Leave No Trace Trainer Course is designed for those who are actively teaching Leave No Trace to friends, family, colleagues and clients. Like the Master Educator Course, each participant is assigned a Leave No Trace topic and asked to prepare a short presentation for their peers. Participants will learn the concepts associated with the Seven Principles of Leave No Trace and prepare to teach the Leave No Trace curriculum in a variety of settings including schools, camps, parks, wilderness and frontcountry areas. Research has shown:



2-day Trainer Courses significantly improves participants knowledge and understanding of Leave NoTrace skills and ethics



Trainer Course participants report a change in behavior consistent with Leave No Trace skills and ethics



94% of Trainer Course participants go on to teach Leave No Trace after the course

LEAVE NO TRACE AWARENESS WORKSHOP

An Awareness Workshop is any formal Leave No Trace training that is one-day or less in length. These workshops can be tailored to educators, youth, college students, scouts, outdoor professionals or anyone with an interest in learning more about Leave No Trace skills and ethics. At the core of these trainings are the

Seven Principles of Leave No Trace. However, the presented information can be easily adapted for specific audiences, environments or recreational needs. Graduates of the Leave No Trace Master Educator Course, Trainer Course or any individual familiar with Leave No Trace can facilitate an Awareness Workshop.



RESOURCES

For more information on Leave No Trace training, visit www.LNT.org or the following:

Master Educator Courses – <https://lnt.org/learn/master-educator-courses>

Trainer Courses – <https://lnt.org/learn/trainer-courses>

Awareness Workshops – <https://lnt.org/learn/awareness-workshop>

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