

Leave No Trace History

The concept of what is now “Leave No Trace” outdoor ethics originated in the early 1960s with the U.S.D.A. Forest Service. With input from the National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management the first version of wilderness ethics was created. Eventually NOLS, the National Outdoor Leadership School, was hired to develop a research-based, experiential training program. By the mid-1990s, the federal land agencies decided to establish an independent non-profit organization to further develop and expand Leave No Trace training and education. Today the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics has formal agreements with the U.S.D.A. Forest Service, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Army Corps of Engineers and the National Association of State Park Directors to integrate and support Leave No Trace programming.

7 Principles of Leave No Trace

- Plan Ahead & Prepare
- Travel & Camp on Durable Surfaces
- Dispose of Trash Properly
- Leave What You Find
- Minimize Campfire Impacts
- Respect Wildlife
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors

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About Us

The Leave No Trace, Minnesota Chapter is a network of individuals and organizations that shares the mission and vision of the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics. The local leadership team is a small group of individual volunteers who work with the State Advocate to strengthen the Leave No Trace network in Minnesota by providing educational outreach and developing collaborative partnerships. Together, we teach people how to enjoy the outdoors responsibly by putting the Leave No Trace principles into action and growing a state of outdoor advocates.

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Minnesota.

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Leave No Trace Training

Awareness Workshop

An Awareness Workshop is any formal Leave No Trace presentation that is one-day or less in length. These presentations can include a wide variety of programs ranging from a 30-minute presentation to a day-long workshop. Experiential-based training, in an outdoor setting is encouraged.

An introductory Awareness workshop is also available online at www.lnt.org.

Trainer Course

A trainer Course is typically two days in length and designed to prepare participants to actively teach others the skills and ethics necessary for responsible recreation.

The [Trainer Course](#) is a vital component of the nationwide Leave No Trace program. Participants receive introductory training in Leave No Trace skills and ethics in a condensed two-day format.

Master Educator Course

Master Educator courses train people to teach the Trainer Course. A Master Educator Course is typically four-five days in length and can only be taught by authorized training providers. Please contact the State Advocate or visit www.lnt.org for more information.

How You Can Help

- Attend a Leave No Trace Awareness Workshop.
- Take the online workshop at lnt.org.
- Host or participate in a Leave No Trace Trainer course.
- Include Leave No Trace outreach activities at your events.
- Provide Leave No Trace training and education within your organization.
- Host a “Backyard Session.”
- Volunteer to help at a Leave No Trace event.
- Promote Leave No Trace on your website.
- “Like” Leave No Trace Minnesota on Facebook.
- Share your outdoor experiences on our Facebook page.
- Shop at Tradition Creek and use the LNTMN12 discount code.
- Take the Bigfoot Challenge!



Partners & Sponsors

Anyone who takes voluntary action to help strengthen the Leave No Trace network in Minnesota is considered a partner. Sponsors are Minnesotans or Minnesota-based businesses and organizations that take partnership to the next level by making a financial or tangible in-kind contribution. Please contact the State Advocate for more information about sponsorship.

Other Educational Outreach

- Interactive Information Booths
- Tailored Information Sessions
- Classroom Presentations
- Youth Group Presentations
- Field Days
- Parks & Trails Events
- Community Events
- Consultation
- Custom Training



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Find the Minnesota Community Page at www.lnt.org