

Leave No Trace

May 3rd Training Summary



Leave No Trace is an organization dedicated to educating others about environmental stewardship, responsible and safe outdoor recreation practices, and preventing and limiting our ecological footprint as we explore the outdoors! Important pillars on Leave No Trace include:

1. Science and research.
2. Training for all.
3. Vigorous Stewardship



How do we influence recreation behaviors?

1. **Education:** Helping recreators understand the **WHY** and **HOW** of responsible recreation practices.
2. **Enforcement:** Volunteers and "badge" employees finding teachable moments and engaging in visitor education in kind and respectful ways.
3. **Engineering:** Effective and impactful signage and recreation space design.

7 Principles of Leave No Trace:



Plan Ahead and Prepare



Travel and Camp On Durable Surfaces



Dispose of Waste Properly



Leave What You Find



Minimize Campfire Impacts



Respect Wildlife



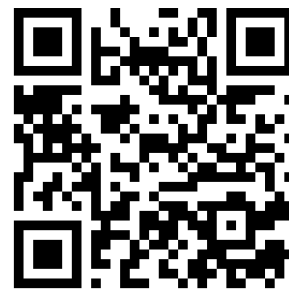
Be Considerate of Others

A rapport can be built between recreators and local Leave No Trace educators and enforcers. This can be done by making information and materials relevant to the area, fun to engage with, and focusing on the **HOW** and **WHY** of leave no trace principles.

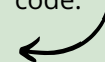
Social reasons and ecological reasons are equally important when communicating Leave No Trace principles. ie. Staying on the trail is important because it keeps local vegetation safe and keeps people from getting lost.

Leave No Trace principles should be incorporated into all five stages of recreation: Anticipation (planning and researching area), travelling to the area, on-site recreation, travelling back, and the experience reflection.

Advertisements, websites, signage, and media should reinforce these principles and provide resources to learn more!



To learn more about Leave No Trace principles or explore more of what the organization has to offer, scan this QR code.



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