

RESPONSIBLE ECOTOURISM

Leave No Trace Canada is the Canadian leader in the development and promotion of effective minimum-impact principles and educational programs for all non-motorized outdoor recreational activities in Canada.

Our proactive education program promotes and inspires responsible non-motorized outdoor recreation by tapping into outdoor recreationist's love of their playgrounds and desire to uphold the ecological and social integrity of those places. We do this by situating our programs around effective and memorable recommendations, the Leave No Trace principles, and developing fun and inspiring education trainings and outreach events that facilitate both hard skill development and an enhanced user ethic.

COURSES

AWARENESS WORKSHOPS

Built to suit your needs, these workshops (ranging from 30 minutes to a day long) are ideal for symposiums, youth groups, outdoor clubs or any organization that wishes to learn more about the Leave No Trace program and its advanced outdoor techniques.

TRAINER COURSES

As a shortened version of the Master Educator course, Trainer Courses are typically two days in length and provide you with an introduction to the Leave No Trace skills and ethics.

MASTER EDUCATOR COURSES

As the pinnacle of the Leave No Trace training pyramid, Master Educator courses are typically five days in length and designed to provide you with an in-depth understanding of the Leave No Trace program, its principles and effective techniques for educating recreational users of Canada's wilderness and outdoor areas. Leave No Trace skills and ethics. Successful graduates have the ability to train others in Leave No Trace skills and ethics and are accredited to provide Leave No Trace Trainer Courses.

MEMBERSHIP

By becoming an official member of Leave No Trace Canada, you are contributing to the preservation and conservation of Canada's wilderness and outdoor areas by allowing us to pursue our goal of informing and educating outdoor enthusiasts to take advantage of our land in a sustainable way by minimising user impact.

SOME OF THE ADVANTAGES OF MEMBERSHIP:

- * Personalized Leave No Trace Membership card
- * One year subscription to the Leave No Trace Canada newsletter
- * Leave No Trace bumper sticker and reference card
- * Leave No Trace Pocket Guide
- * 10% discount on Leave No Trace educational materials and merchandise
- * Satisfaction that you are playing an essential role in spreading the Leave No Trace ethic.

Many forms of MEMBERSHIP are available!

PARTNERSHIP

Partnerships with corporations, universities, retailers, non-profit organizations, guide services, international agencies, youth programs, and many other groups are vital to spreading Leave No Trace skills and ethics. These partnerships are essential to the success of the Leave No Trace program.

Contact us to receive your FREE partnership guide!

DONATIONS

Donations are an essential part of Leave No Trace Canada. As a recognized charitable organization, we can produce charitable receipts for any individual or organization that gives a donation.



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SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF LEAVE NO TRACE

RESPONSIBLE Outdoor Recreationists...



1. CAREFULLY PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE FOR THEIR OUTINGS BY

- * learning about the sensitivities of the area to be visited;
- * knowing and abiding by the regulations;
- * being prepared for extreme weather, hazards and possible emergencies;
- * avoiding times of heavy use;
- * travelling in small groups where possible (check the regulations & policies for the areas you are travelling to);
- * repackaging food to minimize waste.

2. TRAVEL AND CAMP ON DURABLE SURFACES BY

- * staying on established trails or durable surface (e.g. rock, gravel, dry grasses, snow or ice) in popular areas;
- * walking single file in the middle of the trail, even when wet or muddy, to avoid widening;
- * camping on designated sites or durable surfaces (e.g. rock, gravel, dry grasses, snow or ice) in popular areas;
- * finding good campsites instead of making them;
- * keeping campsites small and focusing activity in areas where vegetation is absent;
- * camping at least 70 metres from lakes, streams, etc. avoiding areas where impacts are just beginning (e.g. random campsites and user created trails);
- * dispersing use when trails and designated campsites are not available.

3. DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY BY

- * packing out everything that was packed in (e.g. leftover food, trash, toilet paper) or disposing of it in a pre-established waste area;
- * inspecting campsites and rest areas for trash before leaving;
- * depositing human waste in toilets provided by a land manager;

- * depositing human waste in a cat hole, 15 cm deep, at least 70 metres from water, camp and trails when toilets aren't provided;
- * packing out toilet paper and hygiene products;
- * using minimal amounts of biodegradable soap for washing dishes and personal hygiene;
- * straining dishwater and disposing of solid contents with waste before dispersing the dishwater far from the campsite;
- * disposing of "grey" water in the provided facility or at least 70 metres from water, camp and trails.

4. LEAVE WHAT THEY FIND BY

- * respecting cultural and historic structures and artefacts by observing but not touching or removing them;
- * ensuring they do not transport non-native species;
- * not building structures, furniture and digging trenches;
- * leaving artefacts or other interesting natural objects (rocks, antlers, shells, flowers, mushrooms, etc.) as they were found.

5. MINIMIZE THE IMPACT OF CAMPFIRE BY

- * asking themselves whether a campfire is needed;
- * using a light-weight stove for cooking and candles for light;
- * using established campfire rings, fire pans, or mound fires where fires are permitted;
- * keeping fires as small as possible;
- * only using sticks from the ground that can be broken by hand;
- * avoiding the burning of garbage;
- * never leaving a fire unattended;
- * burning all wood and coals to ash and ensuring that the fire is completely out and cold to touch.

6. RESPECT WILDLIFE BY

- * observing wildlife from a reasonable distance to avoid disturbance and never approaching or following them;
- * not feeding animals;
- * avoiding damaging wildlife habitat (e.g. vegetation, soil, water);
- * storing all food, garbage and "smellables" securely;
- * controlling pets at all times;
- * avoiding wildlife during sensitive times: mating, nesting, raising young, or winter.

7. BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS BY

- * respecting other users of the area;
- * being courteous and yielding to other users on the trail;
- * taking breaks and camping away from trails and other visitors when designated sites are not provided;
- * avoiding loud voices and unnatural noises while on the trail or at camp;
- * avoiding interfering with industrial and commercial operations;
- * controlling your pet.

