

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

Any type of formal Leave No Trace training that is one-day or less in length.

Built to suit your needs, these workshops are ideal for symposiums, youth groups, outdoor clubs or any organization that wishes to learn more about the Leave No Trace program and it's advanced outdoor techniques.

Trainer Courses

Are typically two-day trainings put on in an outdoor setting by Master Educators. Trainer courses are designed to help you better understand and teach Leave No Trace skills and ethics.

Master Educator Courses

Are typically five-days in length and designed for people who are actively teaching others backcountry skills or providing recreation information to the public. Successful graduates of the Master Educator course have the ability to train others in Leave No Trace skills as well as facilitate trainer courses. Master Educator courses are offered by selected Authorized Providers across Canada.

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
- 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

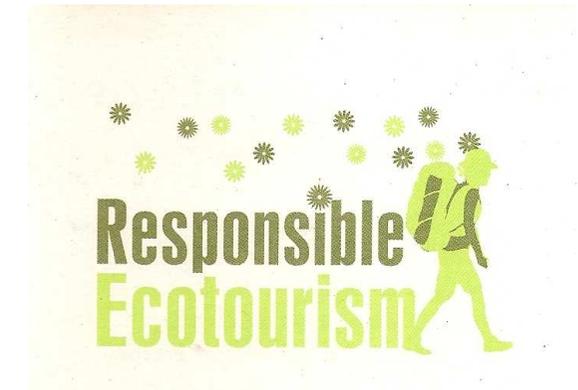
Partnerships with corporations, universities, retailers, non-profit organizations, guide services, international agencies, youth programs, and many other groups are vital to spreading Leave No Trace skills and ethics. These partnerships are essential to the success of the Leave No Trace program.

Contact us to receive your free partnership guide!

Donations

Donation are an essential part of Leave No Trace Canada.

As a recognize charitable organisation, we can produce charitable receipts for any individual or organization that gives a donation.



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Responsible Ecotourism...

1. Plan ahead and prepare

- Know the regulations and special concerns for the area you'll visit;
- Be prepared for extreme weather, hazards and possible emergencies;
- Schedule your trip to avoid times of heavy use;
- Visit in small groups. Split larger parties into groups of 4-6;
- Use a map and compass to eliminate the use of rocks, cairns, flagging or marking paint.

2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces

- Durable surfaces include established trails and campsites, rock, gravel, dry grasses, snow;
- Protect riparian areas by camping at least 70 meters from lakes, streams;
- Good campsites are found, not made. Altering a site is not necessary;

In popular areas

- Concentrate use on existing trails and campsites;
- Walk single file in the middle of the trail, even when wet or muddy, to avoid widening;
- Keep campsites small and focusing activity in areas where vegetation is absent;

In pristine areas

- Disperse use to prevent the creation of campsites and trails;
- Avoid places where impact are just beginning.

SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF LEAVE NO TRACE

3. Dispose of waste properly

- Pack it in, pack it out. Inspect your campsites and rest areas for trash or spilled foods. Pack out all trash, leftover food and litter;
- Deposit solid human waste in catholes dug, 15 cm deep, at least 70 metres from water, camp and trails when toilets aren't provided; Cover and disguise the cathole when finished;
- Pack out toilet paper and hygiene products;
- To wash yourself or your dishes, carry water 70 metres from streams, lakes and use minimal amounts of biodegradable soap;
- Strain dishwater and disposing of solid contents with waste before dispersing the dishwater far from the campsite.

4. Leave what you find

- Preserve the past. Examine but do not touch, cultural and historic structures and artefacts;
- Leave rocks, plants and other natural objects as you found them;
- Avoid introducing or transporting non-native species;
- Do not build structures, furniture and dig trenches.

5. Minimize campfire impacts

- Campfires can cause lasting impacts to the backcountry. Use a light-weight stove for cooking and candles for light;
- Where fires are permitted, use existing fire rings, fire pans, or mound fires;
- Keep fires small. Only use sticks from the ground that can be broken by hand;
- Burn all wood and coals to ash, put out campfires completely, then scatter cool ashes.

6. Respect wildlife

- Observe wildlife from a distance Do not follow or approach them;
- Never feed animals. Feeding wildlife damages their health, alters natural behaviors, and exposes them to predators and other dangers;
- Protect wildlife and your food by storing rations and trash securely;
- Control pets at all times or leave them at home;
- Avoid wildlife during sensitive times: mating, nesting, raising young, or winter.

7. Are considerate of others

- Respect other visitors and protect the quality of the experience;
- Be courteous. Yield to other users on the trail;
- Step to the downhill side of the trail when encountering pack stock;
- Take breaks and camp away from trails and others visitors;
- Let natural sounds prevail. Avoid loud voices and noises.