



# Leave No Trace Trainer Course

at New River Gorge National River

**DESCRIPTION:** A Leave No Trace Trainer Course is a modified version of the 5-day Leave No Trace Master Educator Course, a great way for individuals to learn the ins and outs of the Leave No Trace minimum impact program. Like a Master Educator Course, the 2-day Leave No Trace Trainer Course emphasize skills and techniques essential to both teaching and practicing Leave No Trace. This course is designed for individuals who will be teaching Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics, and those who want to deepen their understanding of the science behind the Leave No Trace Seven Principles. Through lectures, discussion, interactive activities, and a two-day outing which includes one night in the field, this course will give participants tools and techniques to further define their outdoor ethic, while learning Leave No Trace skills to pass along to others. **Note: Leave No Trace Trainer Course is not intended to teach basic travel, camping or other outdoor skills.**

**COURSE DATES:** August 8 – 9, 2018. Course includes overnight campout

**COURSE TIMES:** begins 9:00 am on Day 1; ends at 4:00 pm on Day 2

## **COURSE COSTS:**

- est. \$15 for Trainer Course Participant Packet. **This educational packet must be purchased by participants in advance of the course.** ORDER Trainer Course Participant Packet online at <https://lnt.org/shop/educational-packages>. Participants will need to bring these materials to the course.

## **COURSE GEAR:**

- Participants will be responsible for providing their own meals to eat onsite during this overnight/campout course. Be prepared for: Day 1 – lunch and dinner, Day 2 – breakfast and lunch, and snacks. Water is available on site.
- Participants will be responsible for providing their own hiking and camping equipment. Be prepared for an outdoor classroom, limited hiking on easy to moderate trails, and camping gear (we will camp in a grassy field not far from a parking area; we will not be

backpacking). Water is available on site, but no showers. A suggested equipment list will be provided to participants prior to course date.

**COURSE LOCATION:** Burnwood Day Use Area of New River Gorge National River in Lansing, West Virginia (directly across Rt. 19 from Canyon Rim Visitor Center). Detailed directions will be provided to course participants.

**GROUP SIZE/YOUTH POLICY:** Minimum of 5 participants and a maximum of 12. Any course participants under the age of 18 is required to have an adult chaperone who is a participant on the course and whom agrees to be in charge of that youth.

**CURRICULUM:** A Leave No Trace Trainer Course emphasizes skills and techniques essential to Leave No Trace minimum impact outdoor ethics and education. A Leave No Trace Trainer Course includes a minimum of two-days and one night in the field.

**Core Components of the Trainer Course Curriculum:**

1. An overview of the national Leave No Trace program.
2. The principles and ethics of Leave No Trace.
3. Teaching skills and techniques, and student learning styles.
4. Once teaching session led by each participant.\*
5. The role and function of the Center.
6. The role and function of a Leave No Trace Trainer.

**\*PARTICIPANT LED TEACHING SESSION:** Graduates of the Trainer Course are equipped to teach others the Leave No Trace Seven Principles through Awareness Workshops of any length. In order to better equip Trainers to meet this expectation, each participant will teach one 5 – 10 minute long lesson in the field during this Leave No Trace Course. This provides a hands-on learning experience and the chance to practice Leave No Trace teaching strategies in a supportive, educational environment.

**Trainer Course Participants will be assigned their teaching topic prior to the course start date by the lead instructor.**

**COURSE COMPLETION:** Upon successful completion of a Leave No Trace Trainer Course, each participant will become a Leave No Trace Trainer and receive a completion certificate in association with the Center. Successful completion of the course requires participation in all course activities and teaching exercises. Those who complete this course are equipped to:

- Facilitate Leave No Trace Awareness Workshops
- Understand, demonstrate and teach Leave No Trace minimum impact techniques to others
- Lead a discussion on outdoor ethics and help others explore their own personal outdoor ethic
- Serve as co-instructor for Leave No Trace Trainer Courses with a qualified Master Educator

**SAFETY:** Participant safety is a high priority for all courses. In case of an emergency, course instructors are trained in first aid, carry first-aid kits, and follow a comprehensive Emergency Action Plan. Participants should be aware that there are risks associated with outdoor adventure activities, and should contribute to making this course a safe and rewarding experience.