

Dear LNT Trainer Participant,

May 2015

Thank you for your interest in the Leave No Trace program. The Northeastern Forest that we live and work in is one of the most heavily used backcountry areas in the nation and possibly the world. We have a responsibility to manage our own use and help educate other users of the impact that recreation has on backcountry and front country areas. We often think of pristine backcountry areas but over 95% of recreational usage happens less than five miles from a road.

This course will help you improve your backcountry skills and be able to teach them to others. The Seven Principles of LNT are guidelines for you to work with. They are not set rules that must be followed under all circumstances. We will spend time discussing our own ethics and how they impact others. This course will not teach you how to backpack or camp. I expect that you will have experiences in a wilderness setting before attending this course.

As part of this course, you will lead an instructional exercise on one of the LNT Principles:

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| 1. Plan Ahead and Prepare | 4. Leave What You Find |
| 2. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces | 5. Minimize Campfire Impacts |
| 3. Dispose of Waste Properly | 6. Respect Wildlife |
| | 7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors |

Please take the time to visit the [Leave No Trace website](http://www.lnt.org) (lnt.org) to familiarize yourself with the above principles. You will need to [complete the Online Awareness Course](http://www.lnt.org) prior to arriving at Wyonegonic. Please During the course, you will each take turns teaching one of the principles. I will also provide you with training resources and materials.

Wyonegonic Camps will provide food, cooking equipment, tests, and training materials for you. You will need to bring your own backpack and personal gear for an overnight trip. We will have a short ½ mile hike into our camping area.

The course will begin on Sunday May 31st at 9:00 am. We will begin in camp by watching a slideshow on LNT. We will then pack our group equipment and drive to the trailhead for our hike. We will continue through the evening, setting up camp, cooking dinner and continuing with the training. We will stay in the remote site through the morning on Monday June 1st and return to Wyonegonic by 12:00 pm.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the course or our facilities. I look forward to spending time with you along the shores of Moose Pond, in the shadow of Pleasant Mountain.

Sincerely,

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