

## Training

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Leave No Trace Trainer courses and Awareness workshops are being offered in Yukon through the Yukon Conservation Society in partnership with Yukon Parks. Master Educator Courses are offered by NOLS Yukon.

### LNT Awareness Workshop

An LNT Awareness workshop will provide background information about the Leave No Trace program and will cover the seven principles of Leave No Trace practice.

### LNT Trainer Course

Leave No Trace Trainer courses are 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.

**LNT Master Educator Courses** are 5-day backcountry courses providing in-dept knowledge on how to train trainers to teach LNT skills and ethics.



## LNT in Canada

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Leave No Trace Canada is a national non-profit organization dedicated to promoting and inspiring responsible outdoor recreation through education, research and partnerships. Leave No Trace builds awareness, appreciation and respect for our wildlands. See their website for more LNT information and Resources.

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In partnership with Leave No Trace Canada and Yukon Parks, YCS can connect you with LNT Trainer Courses and Awareness Workshops.

**The YCS Mission:** To pursue ecosystem well-being throughout the Yukon and beyond, recognizing that human well-being is ultimately dependent upon fully functioning healthy ecosystems.

Since 1968, the Yukon Conservation Society has been educating, advocating and conducting research on Yukon environmental issues. YCS is a non-profit, charitable organization, instrumental in promoting greater environmental awareness and understanding in Yukon.

For information on LNT efforts in Yukon schools, parks and protected areas, contact Yukon Parks.



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LNT Master Educator Courses are offered by NOLS Yukon. Visit [www.nols.edu](http://www.nols.edu) or call (867) 668-3578.

# LNT TRAINING In Yukon

**Leave No Trace** (LNT) is a national and international program designed to assist outdoor enthusiasts with their decisions about how to reduce their impacts when they hike, camp, picnic, snowshoe, run, bike, hunt, paddle, ride horses, fish, ski or climb. The program strives to educate all those who enjoy the outdoors about the nature of their recreational impacts as well as techniques to prevent and minimize such impacts.

**Leave No Trace is not as a set of rules and regulations.** It is best understood as an educational and ethical program inspiring people to respect each other and their environment.

## PRINCIPLES OF OUTDOOR ETHICS



# LEAVE NO TRACE PRINCIPLES OF OUTDOOR ETHICS

## Plan Ahead and Prepare

- Know the regulations and special concerns for the area you'll visit.
- Prepare for extreme weather, hazards, and emergencies.
- Schedule your trip to avoid times of high use.
- Visit in small groups. Split larger parties into groups of 4-6.
- Repackage food to minimize waste.
- Use a map and compass to eliminate the use of marking paint, rock cairns or flagging.

## Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces

- Durable surfaces include established trails and campsites, rock, gravel, dry grasses or snow.
- Protect riparian areas by camping at least 70 meters from lakes and 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.
- Keep campsites small. Focus activity in areas where vegetation is absent.
- ***In pristine areas:*** Disperse use to prevent the creation of campsites and trails.
- Avoid places where impacts are just beginning.



## Dispose of Waste Properly

- Pack it in, pack it out. Inspect your campsite and rest areas for trash or spilled foods. Pack out all trash, leftover food, and litter.
- Deposit solid human waste in catholes dug 15 to 20 centimeters deep at least 60 meters from water, camp, and trails. Cover and disguise the cathole when finished.
- Pack out toilet paper and hygiene products.
- To wash yourself or your dishes, carry water 60 meters away from streams or lakes and use small amounts of biodegradable soap. Scatter strained dishwater.

## Leave What You Find

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

## Minimize Campfire Impacts

- Campfires can cause lasting impacts to the backcountry. Use a lightweight stove for cooking and enjoy a candle lantern or the midnight sun for light.
- Where and when fires are permitted, use established fire rings, fire pans, or mound fires.
- Keep fires small. Use only sticks from the ground that can be broken by hand.
- Burn all wood/coins to ash, put out fires completely, and scatter cool ashes.

## 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 or leave them at home.
- Avoid wildlife during sensitive times: mating, nesting, raising young, or winter.

## Be Considerate of Other Visitors

- Respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience.
- Be courteous. Yield to others on the trail.
- Step to the downhill side of the trail when encountering pack stock.
- Take breaks and camp away from trails and other visitors.
- Let nature's sounds prevail. Avoid loud voices and noises. In bear country, periodically announce your presence verbally.