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Philippines National Park Receives Tools for Teaching Grant

In December 2001, Leave No Trace was contacted by two Peace Corp volunteers stationed in the Philippines. They inquired about the possibility of receiving a grant through the Leave No Trace Tools For Teaching Fund Grant Program*. Upon their initial contact, Leave No Trace had no idea just how unique this grant request actually was.

Mt. Pulag National Park (MPNP), located in the Cordillera Mountains of the Philippines, offers many unique recreational opportunities. The boundaries of the park cover the provinces of Nueva, Vizcaya, Ifugao and Benjuet. MPNP is home to the indigenous people from the Kalanguya tribe, with the surrounding buffer zone being home to three other native tribes. Mt. Pulag is the second highest mountain in the Philippines at 2,929 meters above sea level. This unique national park is home of the world's smallest bamboo and the world's largest rat. It is comprised of three distinct vegetation zones: pine forest, mossy forest and summit grasslands.

Mt. Pulag is a very popular national park and suffers from a variety of recreational impacts. With no formal group size limits in place, the dwarf-bamboo dominated grassland ecosystem is subjected to substantial abuse. Heavy monsoon and typhoon rains make the trails through the forest susceptible to heavy erosion from excessive foot traffic. Human-caused forest fires are also a serious threat to the park during the dry season. The majority of visitors to the park do not

adhere to the concept of "pack it in, pack it out". Most Park users bury, burn or hide their trash and efforts by park managers to minimize these impacts have been somewhat unsuccessful.

Peace Corp volunteer, Jorjena Daly, was initially exposed to Leave No Trace prior to working in the Philippines. Soon after her arrival at MPNP, she realized that Leave No Trace education could be an effective way to help minimize many of the Park's impacts. Aware of the Tools For Teaching Fund program, Jorjena and her counterpart, Julie McGrew, drafted a thorough grant proposal.

Their plan was to educate MPNP visitors and locals on Leave No Trace skills and ethics. They wanted to provide people with educational materials and also wanted to facilitate a two-day Leave No Trace Trainer Course for park staff, local government representatives, teachers, mountaineers, guides and even other U.S. Peace Corp volunteers. Through the Tools For Teaching Fund, Leave No Trace was

able to provide the tools to make this unique training a reality.

In March 2002, 45 people were trained in the skills and ethics of Leave No Trace in MPNP. The training was so successful that Daly and McGrew have already been asked to provide a similar event in a southern province of the Philippines later this year. This second training will take place at the

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New Leave No Trace Trainers in the Philippines excited to spread the word.

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THE Leave No Trace INDEX

Estimated U.S. population in 2001: 278,058,881

Percentage of Americans who participate in outdoor recreation: 78%

Percentage of Americans who participate in outdoor recreation
at least monthly: 57%

Percentage of Americans that believe they will participate in more outdoor
recreation next year than they have in the past year: 26%

Most popular outdoor recreational activity: Walking

Percentage of American population that enjoys walking and hiking: 62%

Largest increase in participation in outdoor recreation by age group:
60 years and over

Second most popular outdoor activity: Visiting beaches & waterfronts

Percentage of American population that enjoys picnicking: 36%

Percentage of American population that enjoys camping: 26%

Percentage of American population that camps in designated campgrounds: 17%

Percentage of American population that rides bicycles: 24%

Percentage of American population that rides bicycles on paved trails: 23%

Percentage of Americans that visit a national park annually: 31%

Total number of U.S. endangered species that are classified as animals: 381

Total number of U.S. endangered species that are classified as plants: 595

Whooping crane population in 1941 after unregulated hunting
and habitat destruction: 16

Current size of only naturally remaining wild flocks of whooping cranes: 174

Typical size of a male cougar's home range: 25-500 square miles

Typical size of a female cougar's home range 8-400 square miles

Main cause of habitat loss and fragmentation of western cougars:
Suburban expansion

Number of U.S. marine sanctuaries where fishing is illegal: 0

Percentage of U.S. coastal waters where fishing is illegal: 3.5



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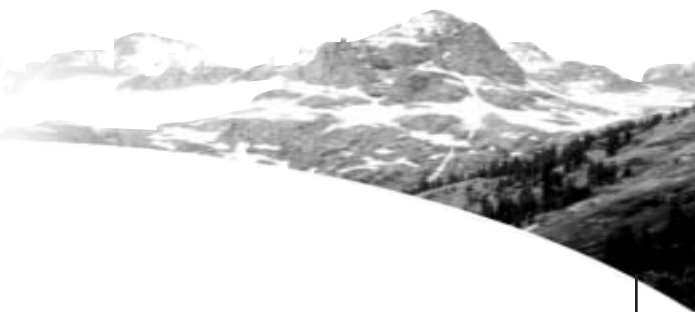
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DISPATCHES

TRACES in the NEWS



OLYMPIC COMMITTEE HONORS LEAVE NO TRACE

In January, the Salt Lake Organizing Committee for the 2002 Olympic Winter games honored Leave No Trace's Frontcountry Program with an award for Outstanding Achievement. This Spirit of the Land Award was created to recognize outstanding efforts to educate people about environmental issues in all areas of society—business, education, community, youth and government.



HORNADAY CONSERVATION GOLD CERTIFICATE AWARDED

Leave No Trace was recently given the Boy Scouts of America's William T. Hornaday Gold Certificate, the oldest conservation award given in America. The Gold Certificate is awarded to individuals or organizations that have demonstrated leadership and a commitment to the education of youth on a national or international level.



TRAVELING TRAINERS HIT THE ROAD

With three years under its belt and two new teams on the road, the Traveling Trainer Program continues to provide important education and outreach programs across the country. Sponsored by Subaru of America, Leave No Trace's teams of dynamic educators travel from state to state teaching diverse groups of outdoor enthusiasts how to minimize their impacts while recreating on public lands.

This year, Leave No Trace has initiated a National Park Tour in addition to the numerous events and

festivals scheduled with federal land management agencies, youth organizations, schools and colleges, outfitters and retailers, and other outdoor related organizations. The Trainers will be presenting Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics to seasonal staff and visitors at national parks throughout the country. Whether it is an informational booth at a visitor center, an encounter on the trail or a two-day workshop, the teams are equipped with fun activities, positive spirits, and strong motivation to spread the Leave No Trace message. For more information on the 2002 schedule or to request a visit, check out www.TravelingTrainers.org.

STATE ADVOCATES GROW

Leave No Trace's State Advocates Program has seen major successes since it was formed almost two years ago. State Advocates, trained Leave No Trace volunteers, act as ambassadors for their states by helping coordinate regional educational efforts including Master Educator Courses, Trainer Courses, ad-hoc presentations, Traveling Trainer visits and large events for youth, etc. The program goal is to have an Advocate in every state helping to spread the Leave No Trace message.

Over the past few months, several new State Advocates have signed on including: Teb Beblowski in New York, David Chambers in Pennsylvania, Randy Cole in Kentucky, Rick Harwell in Tennessee, Dan Knippel in Florida, Mark Kramer in Virginia, Tom Podzimek in Iowa, Heidi Reick in New Mexico and Kathi Stopher in Idaho. Other states with Advocates include: Georgia, Utah, Connecticut, California, Texas, Maryland, Minnesota and

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Arizona. If you are interested in contacting the State Advocate in your area, please visit the "Contact Us" section of the Leave No Trace website www.LNT.org. For information on becoming a State Advocate, please contact Ben Lawhon: ben@LNT.org.

SHORTER TRAINING GUIDELINES UNVEILED

Responding to drastically increasing Leave No Trace training needs around the country, a new, shorter educational program has just been developed. This program, the Awareness Workshop, is one day in length.

The Awareness Workshop Guidelines describe any formal Leave No Trace presentation that is one-day or less in length. These presentations can include a wide variety of programs ranging from a 30-minute presentation to a day-long workshop. For more information about Leave No Trace Awareness Workshops or to obtain a copy of the new guidelines, please visit www.LNT.org or contact Leave No Trace at 1-800-332-4100.

The goals for the Awareness Workshop are broad. The program strives for consistent, quality training for all workshop participants while providing an easily implemented structure that encourages training efforts. This new structure allows the organization to track and quantify training efforts.

Philippines National Park Grant

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Makiling Center for Mountain Ecosystems as part of a celebration know as the International Year of the Mountains. Also, various mountaineering organizations across the Philippines have asked for additional Leave No Trace information and training.

Thanks to the great efforts of Peace Corp volunteers Jorjena Daly and Julie McGrew, and the support of Galyan's, the Leave No Trace message is spreading like wildfire throughout the Philippines. It is this kind of effort that makes the Leave No Trace program so successful, not only in the U.S. but all over the world!

*The Tools For Teaching Fund was created in response to the growing number of requests from organizations and individuals in need of Leave No Trace training and information. Through this grant giving program, organizations and individuals can obtain the resources they need to teach the skills and ethics of Leave No Trace. The goal of the program is to give people the opportunity to spread the Leave No Trace message to those who would otherwise not have the opportunity to learn how to minimize their recreational impacts. Grant funding is provided through a very special donation by Galyan's. For information on the program, please contact Leave No Trace at 800-332-4100 or visit www.LNT.org.

What Would You Do?

Every July, you take your favorite hike to a meadow of wildflowers in one of your state parks. After skipping across a small rocky stream, you come across the antlers of one of the many of deer in the area. You would like to take a momento home. A few wild irises, one small river rock or the antlers would look great on your living room mantel and would be a very special reminder of this day.

What is acceptable to take home with you and why?

Email your response to susy@LNT.org or write us at Leave No Trace P.O. Box 997, Boulder, CO 80304. Your response of 150 words or less will be published with ours in the next Tracker.

TEAM EAST

notes from the field

"WHEN WE SEE LAND AS A COMMUNITY TO WHICH WE BELONG, WE
MAY BEGIN TO USE IT WITH LOVE AND RESPECT."

-ALDO LEOPOLD

As we drive north following spring's path, we are excited about our visits to Great Smoky National Park, Cumberland Gap National Historic Park, Shenandoah National Park and Acadia National Park—beauty, history, wilderness, wildlife, adventure, solitude and a place to reflect. Yet, there is another side to our national parks. With over 300 million visitors a year, our beloved parks are in danger. Animals and plants found inside the parks are on the threatened and endangered species lists, plants from outside the parks are crowding out native species and new development adjacent to park boundaries impacts animal and plant species everywhere.

Efforts to protect and preserve national parks are no longer solely the responsibility of park staff. Each one of us can make a difference by learning and practicing Leave No Trace principles and outdoor ethics. We feel fortunate that our work history as park rangers in Baxter State Park in Maine has provided an awareness of the varied roles of park personnel and an understanding of how cumulative recreational impacts can weaken the sustainability of public lands.

Our first national park visit was to Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina. Described by the Cherokee as shaconage, meaning "blue like smoke", the Smokies appearance is derived from water and hydrocarbons that are exuded by leaves. In recent years, air pollution has also contributed to the haze.

After the Great Smoky Mountains we traveled to Cumberland Gap National Historic Park located in Middlesboro, Kentucky. The Wilderness Trail into Kentucky which opened the West to its first wave of expansion was carved by Daniel Boone and friends in 1775. Today, its 20,000 acres and fifty miles of

hiking trails offer visitors a step back in time.

We then moved on to Shenandoah National Park in Virginia. The Skyline Drive runs for 105 miles along the Blue Ridge mountains offering majestic views of forests, valleys and mountains. All of these parks are within a day's drive of roughly half of the population in the United States, which makes them easily accessible.



Gabe and Marcia Williamson of Maine have spent the first five months of 2002 east of the Mississippi as Traveling Trainers.

As we tour the national parks, we look forward to conveying our passion and respect for these special places by sharing the Leave No Trace Principles and Outdoor Ethics. During our first four months, we have met thousands of individuals who have indicated their love and concern for our national treasures. We congratulate those incredible people.

Gabe & Marcia Williamson

Team West

Team West • • • Notes from the Field

Journeying throughout the American West as Traveling Trainers, we have learned many techniques to inspire responsible outdoor recreation and have had the opportunity to put these skills into practice at a variety of natural areas including some of our country's national parks.

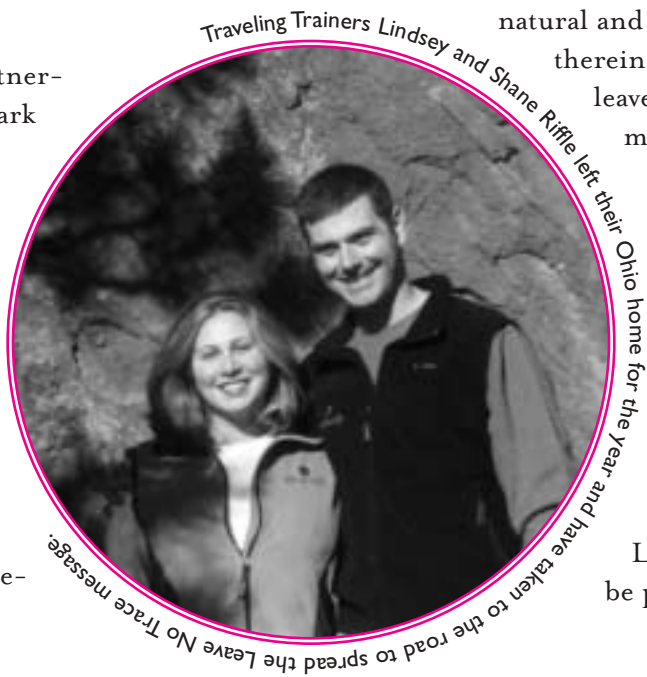
The Leave No Trace partnership with the National Park Service allows us to visit and instruct the park staff. These park staff are ultimately responsible for protecting our national treasures by educating users in the most recent techniques and skills to reduce resource impacts and preserve the visitor's experience.

In cooperation with Kelly Hartsell, the Leave No Trace National Coordinator for the National Park Service, our program manager, Jennifer Tucker, has balanced a schedule that allows both Traveling Trainer Teams to visit a series of national parks throughout the year on the National Park Tour. As Team West, we have visited Walnut Canyon National Monument, Petrified Forest National Park, Grand Canyon National Park, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, Death Valley National Park, Olympic National Park, White Sands National Monument, Bandelier National Monument and Chaco Canyon National Historic Park. Each unique area has gained this

distinguished national park status which will help to protect it well into the future.

Over the past four months, we have inspired and have likewise been inspired by the many wonderful and dedicated folks that carry out the National Park Service mission to help conserve the scenery and natural and historic objects, the wildlife therein, by manner and means that will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

Over the rest of the year, we look forward to visiting even more of our national parks and continuing our outreach and efforts to spread the Leave No Trace message. We commend the partnership between the National Park Service and Leave No Trace, and are proud to be part of the National Park Tour.



Lindsey and Shane Riffle



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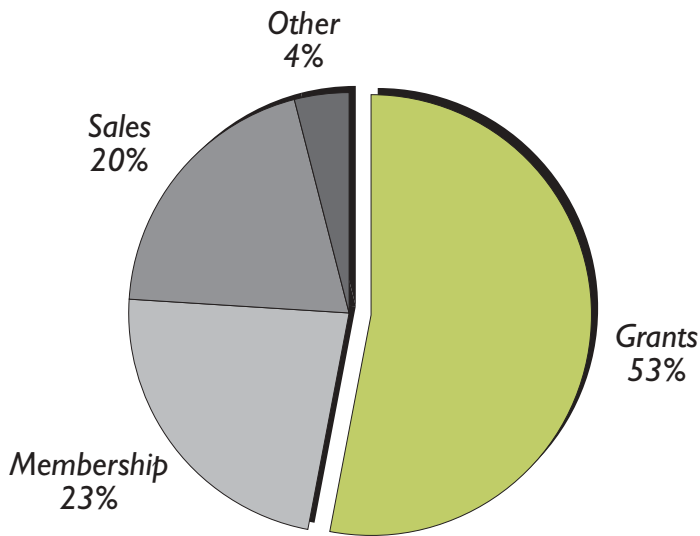
Welcome to the Leave No Trace Year in Review.

Leave No Trace continues to evolve as an education program for outdoor enthusiasts – a program where people like you play an active and crucial role. In 2001, Leave No Trace unveiled an individual membership program to empower you with more information and resources to help care for the country's wild places while you're enjoying your outdoor recreational pursuits. Other highlights from the year include: the creation of the PEAK (Promoting Environmental Awareness in Kids) program, available in REI stores across the nation; training and outreach through the Traveling Trainers program to more than 20 million outdoor enthusiasts; enlisting new volunteer State Advocates in 16 states; offering of 26 Master Educator courses throughout the country and; collecting valuable research through the Leave No Trace Lab project in Durango, Colorado.

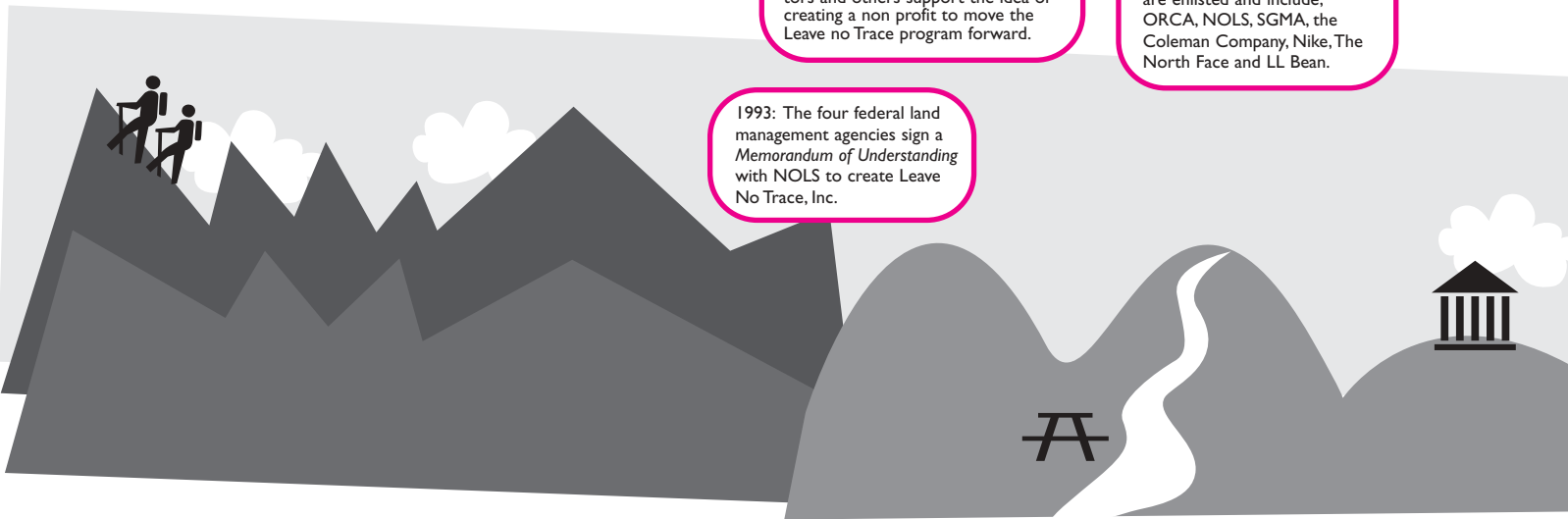
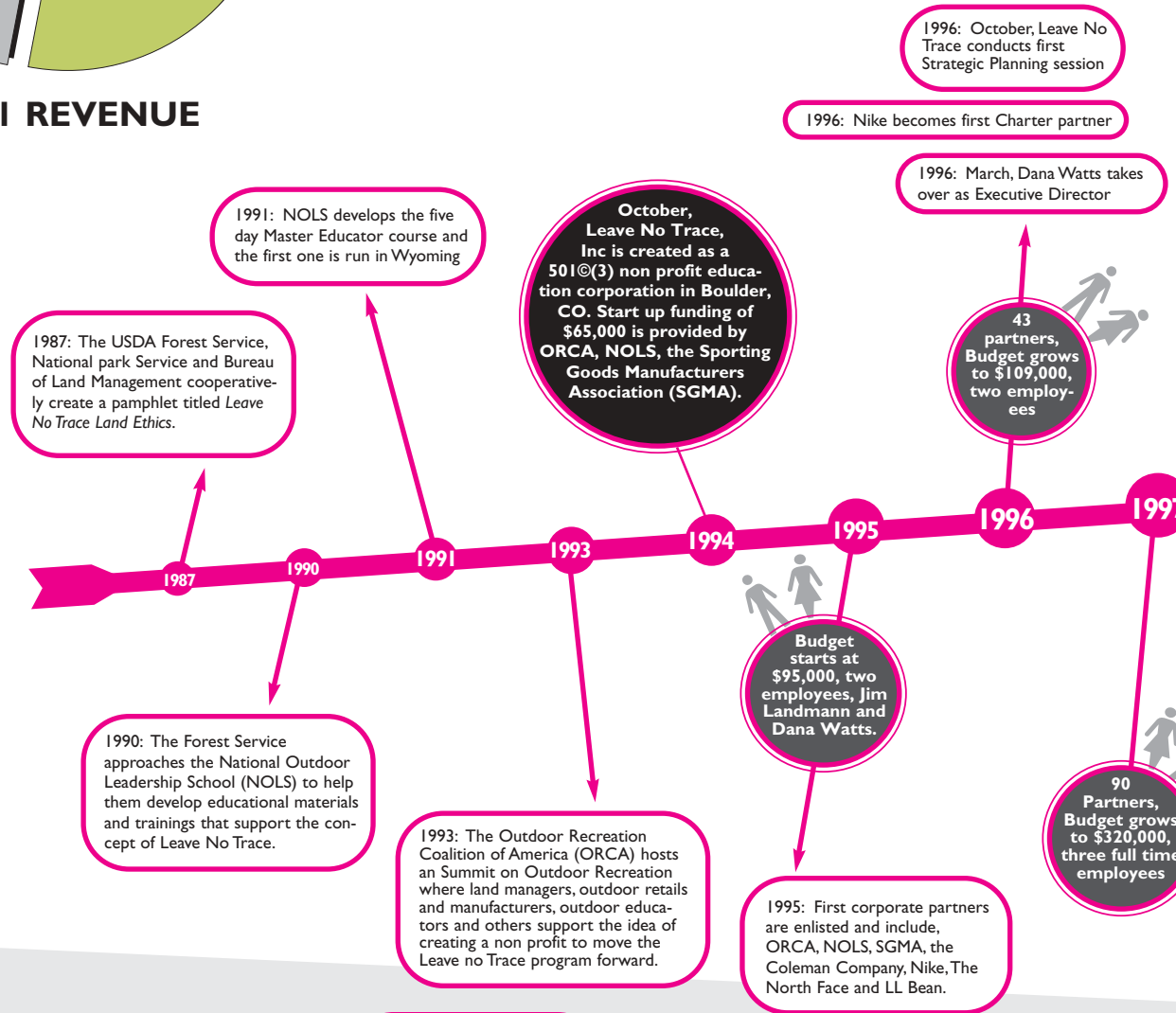
In seven years, Leave No Trace has made substantial strides with more than 250 formal partnerships including manufacturers, outdoor retailers, government agencies, non-profit organizations and others who actively support the program and help broadcast the Leave No Trace message across the country (see our timeline for year-to-year growth changes). A 12 person staff is now in place to support the organization's growing lists of programs and educational efforts.

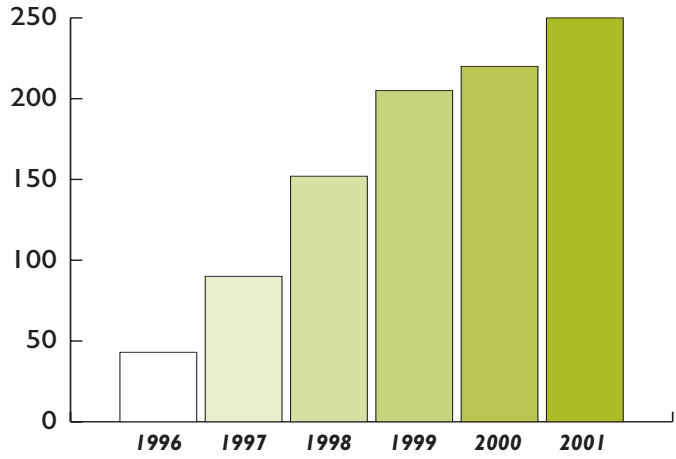
Leave No Trace has much in store for 2002. The organization will continue to develop, build and support the membership – people like you that care deeply about stewardship and the integrity of wildlands. Look, also, for an expanded effort in Frontcountry environments – areas where day use prevails, recreation that is close to homes and communities. As always, the organization continues to develop ways to get the word out, one person at a time.

Dana Watts
Executive Director

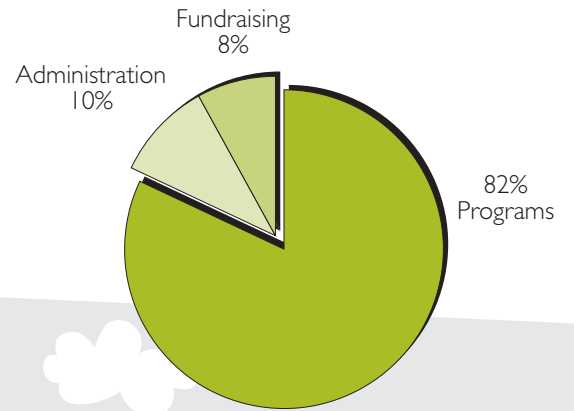
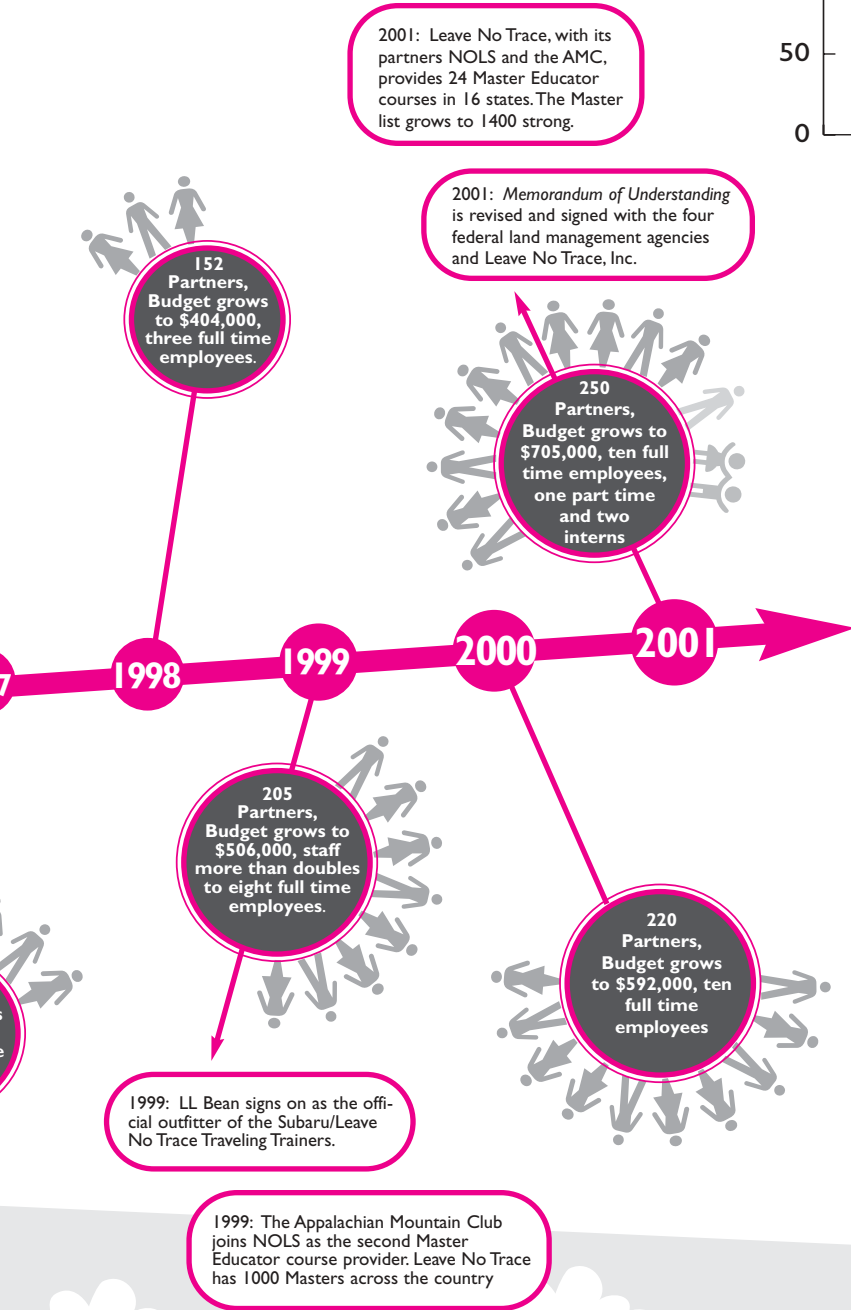


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: News You Can Use:

PLAN AHEAD & PREPARE

Have you ever planned the perfect trip only to show up at the trailhead to find that everyone else had the same trip in mind? Nowhere to park, too many people on the trail, all campsites occupied, noisy groups and no solitude are just a few of the problems associated with overcrowding. Another major problem with overcrowding is resource impact. The more people, the more impact. By doing a little research prior to your trip, you can plan an adventure that will not only help you avoid the crowds and offer greater opportunities for solitude, but you can also help keep your impact to a minimum.

The first step in planning any outing is to determine what your goals are for the trip. Next, you should gather information about your travel route and destination from all available sources, e.g. guidebooks, websites, land managers, outfitters, local conservation organizations and libraries. Familiarize yourself with the regulations and any special concerns for the area that you plan to visit. You should also acquire the necessary technical skills, first aid knowledge, and proper equipment to ensure a safe and enjoyable trip. After all, you're out there to have fun! By choosing

a trip location that is appropriate for you or your group, you can easily build Leave No Trace into your plans.

One of the keys to planning a trip that will provide solitude is to plan your trip to avoid times of high use. Visits to popular wildlands during peak use periods, such as holidays and weekends, are often fraught with high traffic, excessive crowding, delays and conflicts with others using the same areas. Instead, try to plan your trip at other times, such as midweek, for a less crowded—and more enjoyable—experience. Or, if midweek trips just aren't possible, explore the more out-of-the-way places, which can often be more exciting since they aren't as traveled! If permits or reservations are required, you should obtain them well ahead of time to avoid any unpleasant surprises when you arrive at the trailhead.

Other things to consider when planning your next adventure:

- Regardless of the size of your group, the purpose of your outing and your method of travel, the practice of Leave No Trace requires care and forethought. When possi-

ble, visit wildlands in small groups. If you are going to be traveling with a large group, consider breaking the group up into smaller groups to avoid impacting the experience of others. Always inquire about group size limitations for the area you plan to visit.

- Use proper gear. Prepare for extreme weather conditions, hazards and emergencies. Choose your equipment with Leave No Trace in mind.

- Plan your meals before you start your trip. Get a jump on waste management by planning meals to avoid leftovers. Package food in reusable containers or plastic bags. Get rid of wrappers and heavy packaging before starting your trip so you won't have to pack them out.

- Take responsibility for your safety, the safety of your companions and the health of the environment. Minimize risk by planning a trip that matches your skills and expectations.

Proper planning before your next adventure will help ensure a fun and safe trip, and will also enable you to Leave No Trace of your visit.

COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN

A great way to give back to the American landscapes you love!

If you are an employee of the federal government, consider a 2002 contribution to Leave No Trace through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). The CFC encourages federal employees to give to a select group of non-profit organizations through voluntary payroll deductions. Look in the Alpha Index for Leave No Trace.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT LEAVE NO TRACE AT 800-332-4100.



David Chambers is the Pennsylvania State Advocate and Director of Allegheny College Outdoor Programs.

DAVID CHAMBERS:

Migrating to Pennsylvania from Georgia in pursuit of my career, my family and I were unexpectedly greeted with incredible hospitality and scenery. Every region of this state has an overabundance of opportunities to enjoy the outdoors, and it is a perfect place for Leave No Trace.

Based out of the office of the Allegheny College Outdoor Programs in Meadville in Pennsylvania, I did not realize the logistical obstacle of trying to coordinate and communicate with others in such a big state. With this in mind, my immediate goals as State Advocate were to create a communication network among the Leave No Trace community, develop a resource for interested recreational users to gain access to the Leave No Trace message and communicate the Leave No Trace ethics to non-traditional groups.

Adopting many ideas and strategies from other State Advocates, we are using technology to expand our ability to communicate, receive information, and provide a resource for interested local individuals and groups searching for Leave No Trace knowledge. Because some of the dedicated community members do not have access to a computer or electronic communication, a quarterly newsletter was created to keep the community up-to-date on Leave No Trace and news from community members. It also serves as a means to facilitate contact with the State Advocate.

Some responsibility has also been delegated to regional representatives. The role of the regional representative is to communicate the information and to coordinate activities in that region. For example, if an interested party contacts the Leave No Trace State Advocate, we send that information to

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the regional representative to communicate relevant trainings, scheduling, and contract Leave No Trace community members to conduct the trainings or Awareness Workshops.

A major focus is traditional outdoor recreational user groups. Pennsylvania's national and state land managers have been targeting those respected recreational land users, and organizations such as the local Appalachian Trail Conference have made Leave No Trace a fundamental educational component. We also target those groups generally considered non-traditional Leave No Trace groups such as local climbing gyms, hunting and fishing shops, and college outdoor programs. At a recent indoor climbing competition, Leave No Trace provided educational information and discussion on low impact climbing and bouldering. Since that representation, the climbing gym has requested additional education material.

The Pennsylvania Leave No Trace ethic continues to grow. As with anything worth the effort, it takes time. I do not feel this would be the positive experience without all those in Pennsylvania who dedicate their time, energy and resources toward protecting our public lands and promoting Leave No Trace ethics. Whether it is a wilderness ranger who is willing to share his enthusiasm for Leave No Trace anytime and anywhere, the Girl Scout volunteer already completely booked for the season, or the trail volunteers that share their knowledge and passion with strangers they meet along the way, dedicated community members make the Pennsylvania Leave No Trace effort what it is and what it can be. And you can find grits and collard greens in Pennsylvania!

Happy trails Y'all,
David Chambers



KIDS PAGE

Color Us!



KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

Be prepared! Don't forget clothes to protect you from cold, heat or rain. Use maps to show you where you'll be going and so you won't get lost. Learn about the areas you visit. Read books and talk to people before you go. The more you know, the more fun you will have.

FIND THE HIDDEN WORDS!

- Backpack
- Food
- Sunscreen
- Water
- Compass
- Tent
- Hat
- Boot
- Map

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PLAYING IN THE FRONTCOUNTRY



I started my run-hike the other day expecting to see a fair number of people on the trail. A particularly beautiful spring day, the sun was shining, green buds popping, and the temperature was a cool 60 degrees. I have my running routine down — one of three trails — usually run most of the trail and hike the steep parts. These trails are blocks from where I work and live — that's why they're part of my running routine and my life routine.

Today, it seems that people, more and more, are enjoying the trails and open spaces closest to their homes (see the Index statistics on page 2). These places are the most accessible and convenient. We're fortunate here in Boulder because

they are also beautiful. We are calling these places the Frontcountry — areas that are mostly enjoyed by day users. These are lands that are open to the public and easily accessible by a vehicle or bicycle. The Frontcountry is not usually remote and is an excellent place to recreate where you don't need to be totally self sufficient.

The definition does really matter. These areas are the ones that are closest to communities, homes and many times, closest to our hearts. They are the places we visit weekly and sometimes daily. For that reason, you'll be seeing and hearing

more about the Frontcountry from Leave No Trace. Ideas and information about how to care for and protect these places that are seeing more use from many types of outdoor enthusiasts.

As I started my ascent up the trail, I felt pretty good. Maybe I'll run the whole way today — and, surprise, not another person on the trail! Every time I'm on these trails, I know that there will be new surprises, challenges, experiences awaiting me — even on the same trails. That is why these trails, close to home, are so special.

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

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