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LNT IN A NUT Shell



“Leave No Trace is an education program that combines knowledge and judgment with ethical responsibility. It is a program designed to expand the understanding of how we can enjoy the out-of-doors while protecting the natural areas and experiences we cherish. Your group can do its part by learning more about the program and practicing LNT when ever they recreate outdoors.”





Why A LNT Briefing?



- Scouts have a **very bad** reputation!
- The vandalism in Goblin Valley State Park, Utah.
- A number of incidents along the Appalachian Trail involving Scouts.
- New rules and policies for the AT



Annapolis Rocks





Names
carved on
trees



Braided
trails



Trash in
fire pit

Too Many Tents for Site



Over Crowding





AT LNT Practices



PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE

“Check Appalachian Trail (A.T.) guidebooks and maps for guidance and note that camping regulations vary considerably along the Trail.”

Check with the Land Manager’s WEB site for Regulations.

“Travel in groups of 10 or fewer. If you are traveling in a group of more than 5, avoid using shelters, leaving them for lone hikers and smaller groups.” (LMPG)





AT GOVERNING DOCUMENTATION



- APPA's Superintendent's Compendium through the Code of Federal Regulations (36CFR1.5(a)(2)
 - "Groups shall not exceed 10 persons for overnight trips and twenty-five persons for day hikes."
- Local Government Regulations



Local Regulation Guidance

- Maryland: No Camping except at designated sites, Fires only in official fire rings (Metal) except for Pogo Primitive Campground.
- Shenandoah NP **Backcountry Permit**
Regulations Back of Permit
- Jefferson and George Washington NFs
Look Up On Line
- AT in Pennsylvania - Many Land Pardoners
APPA, State Forest, Park, Wildlife & Hunting Lands





Helpful Hints



- Have Unit Leaders enroll in LNT Trainer Course or Awareness Work Shop
- Do not have two Crews “meet” and camp together
- Check with local land management agencies, regarding permits, group size, and area-specific regulations
- www.ncacbsa.org, click on Outdoor Ethics





For More Information



- AT Conservancy www.appalachiantrail.org/LNT
- LNT Center for Outdoor Ethics www.LNT.org
- Potomac Appalachian Trail Club www.PATC.net
- Shenandoah NP www.nps.gov/shen/
- MD Dept of Natural Resources www.dnr.state.md.us/



Don't Be That Crew

- [Int do not be that guy](#)
- <https://Int.org/blog/dont-be-guy>
- <https://appalachiantrail.com/20150824/leave-no-trace-videos-dont-be-that-guy/>

