

Hello Trail Club and Agency Partners,

I'm excited to announce that ATC is partnering with the City of Roanoke Parks & Recreation department to offer a Leave No Trace Master Educator course this March. In addition to the discounts listed below, scholarships are available for A.T. volunteers and partners on a first come, first served basis. So please share this broadly within your organization, and thank you!

As many of you know, we typically offer these courses once or twice a year based in the Mount Rogers area. I'm excited to offer a course that's closer to the center of our region, and hope some of our partners in Central VA will be able to take advantage of it. Please note it does involve 4 days/3 nights of backpacking. We typically don't cover more than 5 miles a day, in order to cover all the course content, but we could experience wintry temps in early March. We have some loaner gear available, and I'm happy to work with participants to make sure everyone is prepared for the conditions.

What: Leave No Trace Master Educator Course

Where: Carvins Cove Natural Reserve, Roanoke VA

When: March 2-6, 2019

Why: This 5-day course is designed for individuals who are actively teaching others backcountry skills or providing recreation information to the public. Through classroom discussion, lectures, and a 4-day backpacking trip, participants will receive an in-depth and hands-on study of the seven principles and wildland ethics, and learn a variety of ways to share and disseminate low-impact recreation skills to other visitors.

Cost: \$630 for Appalachian Trail Conservancy members, \$580 for A.T. Trail Club Members and Agency Partners and \$700 for all others. Fee includes instruction, curriculum and teaching materials, a one year Leave No Trace individual membership, and meals during the course.

How: More information [here](#). To apply, email Kathryn Herndon-Powell at kherndon@appalachiantrail.org

Thanks for sharing!

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