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Mohonk Preserve Selected as 2023 Leave No Trace Spotlight Site

One of 20 nationwide sites chosen for Community Conservation Initiative

GARDINER, N.Y., July 17, 2023 – The Leave No Trace organization has selected Mohonk Preserve as a 2023 Spotlight site, a new initiative from Leave No Trace that shines a light on communities rising to meet environmental challenges with multiday onsite education and stewardship programs. The diverse sites chosen span the country, and the goal of the initiative is to equip each spotlight area with relevant Leave No Trace tools that address the impacts the site is facing and foster healthy lands and people.

From Friday, July 28 to Sunday, July 30, 2023, a Subaru/Leave No Trace Traveling Team will be onsite at Mohonk Preserve to work with the community and local partners to deliver Leave No Trace education and partner on restoration and stewardship projects. Free public programs will include:

Friday, July 28, 9:30 – 11 a.m. – Leave No Trace Trivia/Outreach and Coffee with a Ranger at the West Trapps Trailhead Welcome Boulder

Saturday, July 29, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. – Family Stewardship Project with Native Plants at the Testimonial Gateway Trailhead (drop-in program); **10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Introduction to General Trail Maintenance** at the Testimonial Gateway Trailhead (registration required at <https://signup.com/go/vaRqNsB>); and **10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Leave No Trace Community Pop-Up** at the Testimonial Gateway Trailhead

Sunday, July 30, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Spotlight Social featuring Mohonk Preserve staff, Community Partners from the recreational and nonprofit community, and the Leave No Trace team.

In addition to the weekend public programs, the Leave No Trace team will participate in a Low-Impact Climbing and Leave No Trace campfire discussion at the Samuel F. Pryor III Shawangunk Gateway Campground and lead two communications and planning programs for Preserve staff and volunteers.

“The Spotlight initiative highlights the great steps a community can take to protect an area that they cherish,” said Leave No Trace Executive Director Dana Watts. “The three-day Spotlight features workshops for stakeholders and Leave No Trace education for the public and includes opportunities for community and our Subaru/Leave No Trace Traveling Team to roll up their sleeves together at the Spotlight site and get some work done.”

“As a Leave No Trace Community Partner, we look forward to welcoming the Subaru/Leave No Trace Traveling Team to Mohonk Preserve,” said Preserve Director of Visitor Experience and Chief Ranger Andrew Bajardi. “We have long been incorporating Leave No Trace principles and practices into our work across the Preserve and are excited to share them with our local community and partners.”

For more information, visit <https://www.mohonkpreserve.org/leave-no-trace-spotlight/>.

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