

Walking Trail Policies

Trail Rules & Etiquette:

- **Hours of operation.** Trail is open from dawn to dusk. Overnight camping is prohibited.
- **Use trails at your own risk.** Please be safe.
- **No motorized use.** UTV/ATV/E-Motorbike/Golf Carts/Low Speed vehicle use is not permitted.
- **Stay on designated trail.** Use marked paths and boardwalks; shortcutting the trail destroys vegetation, leads to erosion, and impacts wildlife and their habitats. Stay off private property.
- **Be mindful of trail conditions.** Avoid using trails when they are excessively muddy, as it will damage the trail's condition and can be harmful to ecosystems that surround the trail.
- **Leave no trace:** Pack out all trash (including pet waste) and leave natural items (rocks, plants) where you find them.
- **Respect wildlife:** They need their space, and you need yours, too. Keep your distance from the wildlife you encounter. Observe from a distance. Never feed or approach wildlife.
- **Keep pets leashed:** Dogs are welcome but must be on a leash and under control of owner; clean up after them.
- **Watch for hazards:** Be aware of natural dangers like snakes, ticks, and poison ivy.
- **No smoking/alcohol/weapons.** They are prohibited due to fire risk and safety concerns.
- **No fires/grills:** No BBQs or fires allowed.
- **Traffic & safety.** Obey signs, watch road crossings, and be aware of your surroundings.
- **Follow park regulations:** Always obey posted signs.
- **Parking:** Use the public parking areas only.
- **Share the trail and be courteous.** Yield to others on the trail. Bicyclists should stay to the right, yield to slower users, and slow down when passing. Runners/walkers should look ahead and behind before passing and move off the trail when stopped. Keep voices down, use headphones for music.
- **Soliciting:** Soliciting or canvassing is prohibited, unless authorized by a permit.
- **Glass Containers:** No holding, drinking from, possessing, or disposing of glass containers of any kind.
- **Personal Property** No unauthorized leaving or storing of personal property. All unattended property will be removed.
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