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The Rules Smorgasbord

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When designing a trailhead sign, I ask a property “What rules do you want on the sign?”. There is generally a long pause followed by “I’ll get back to you.”

Developing rules that address your agency and visitor needs takes some thought: How do you want to come across? What are the specific issues presented by the property?

A few years ago, I began compiling a list of rules from previous projects. The list helps to trigger dialogue and direction when developing your own rules.

Many of the following rules say the same thing, but with different wording. Managers walk a line between being user friendly and authoritative. Note the word tweaking.



Alcohol/Weapons

Alcoholic beverages and weapons are prohibited.

Possession of firearms or alcohol is prohibited.



Fire

Burn fires in campground fire rings only.

Camping and ground fires are prohibited.



Aquatic Trails

Keep your eyes open for motor boat traffic.

Please wear a U.S. Coast Guard Approved Personal Flotation Device.



Bike Trails

Wear proper safety attire.

Use of helmets by bicycle riders and skaters is strongly recommended.

Stop for vehicular traffic at all intersections.



Hours

7:00 a.m. to posted closing times*
(*5:00 - 9:00 p.m. varying seasonally)

Gate closes promptly at the posted times.

Trail closed from dusk to dawn.

When stopping, move off the pavement so that other trail users may pass safely.

Keep right except to pass.

Announce passing to other trail users.

Pass with caution.

Keep to your right.



Personal Safety

Bring insect repellent and sunscreen.

Travel with a companion or group.

No swimming.



Litter

Please do not litter.

Keep the park beautiful and prevent harm to wildlife by discarding trash in proper receptacles.

Carry out what you carry in.

Recycle your fishing line.

Take only pictures, leave only footprints.



Parking/Vehicles

Park only in designated areas.

Motorized vehicles are not permitted.

Only non-motorized forms of transportation are permitted.

Individuals requiring motorized wheelchairs are permitted to use the trail.



Hiking Trails

Stay on the trails.

Stay on the trail. The park contains sensitive habitats that are easily damaged by foot traffic.

The trail has multiple uses, so be considerate of one another.

Minimize impact, travel on durable surface.

Trails are for non-motorized use only.

Respect other visitors. Share our trails.



Pets

Please be a courteous and responsible pet owner.

All dogs must be on a leash no longer than 8 feet.

Remember to clean up after your pet.

Pets must be on a leash and under direct control of owner.

Dispose of pet waste properly.

Please leave pets at home.

Keep pets on leash.



Private Property

Please respect private property.

Respect the rights of the trail's neighbors.



Wildlife/Plants

All plants and wildlife are protected.

Keep wildlife wild – do not feed, approach or catch.

Feeding wildlife is prohibited.

Please don't trample, pick, or disturb native plants and wildflowers along the trail.

Plant removal is prohibited.

Animal collecting is prohibited.

Tree cutting is prohibited.

Leave rocks, plants and other natural objects as you find them.

Be quiet. Loud noises disturb wildlife and diminish your ability to observe.

No hunting or trapping.