

HIGHLAND RUSTIC TRAILS

The Highland Rustic Trails are free and open to the public. Access is separate from the core of the historic site. Tickets are required for entrance to the core of the historic site.

Our rules are for the protection of our visitors and natural resources and to make everyone's visit a safe and enjoyable experience. Trail hiking is fun and generally safe though you are entering an environment where there are some naturally occurring hazards. Reasonable caution and common sense should be utilized when venturing into any outdoor environment. It is your responsibility to exercise caution and ensure your own safety while using the trails.

The Highland Rustic Trails are maintained in large part by volunteers. To get involved, please email info@highland.org.

Trail rules

1. Trail hours are seasonal and posted on the information kiosk and highland.org.
2. Check the information kiosk for allowable user groups (i.e., bicyclists, equestrians).
3. Highland accommodates service dogs only on the trails wherever we allow public access.
4. Certain pasture loops will be closed when cattle are present.
5. Do not litter. Pack it in, pack it out (including pet waste)!
6. Stay on the trail and please respect private property.
7. Children must remain under adult supervision at all times.
8. No smoking, fires, fireworks, or firearms.
9. Consumption of alcohol and drugs is prohibited.
10. No motorized vehicles.
11. Wild animals are protected. If you are fortunate enough to encounter a wild animal during your visit, do not approach, startle, or feed it. Bears, coyotes, and venomous snakes have been noted in the area.
12. Leave trees and plants undisturbed. This not only preserves the natural environment, but is also a safety precaution. Poisonous and toxic plants have been noted in the area.
13. Exercise caution as trail conditions can vary depending on the time of year, storms that have occurred, and the impact of rain and other natural occurrences. Observe the 24/1 rule: please wait 24 hours to use trails for every inch of rainfall.
14. For emergencies, call 911.

Trail Etiquette

1. Keep to the right. Pass on the left.
2. Announce yourself when approaching another visitor, especially from behind. Horses and slower moving individuals may be startled by faster moving trail users.
3. When in a group, avoid blocking the trails. Allow other users to pass safely.
4. Please be courteous to other trail users.
5. Let nature's sounds prevail. Avoid loud voices and noises.
6. Stay alert. Wear only one earbud while listening to music for both personal safety and awareness.
7. Avoid riding or hiking a muddy trail which can cause unnecessary widening and erosion.
8. Practice responsible recreation: every time you go hiking you can make a difference, just pick up one piece of litter and pack it out with you.

General Precautions

1. Lock your vehicle and store valuables out of sight or take them with you on the trails.
2. Never leave pets inside parked cars.
3. Be aware that ticks (and other biting or stinging insects) are active in this area and may carry diseases. Stay on designated trails, and check yourself frequently for ticks.
4. Travel in groups. Two or more people can assist each other in the event of an accident or emergency.
5. Dress for the environment. Dress appropriately for the location, time of year and planned activities.
6. Drinking water is not available on the trail so you should bring your own.
7. Be aware that cellular telephone coverage can be sporadic on the trails.

Check information kiosk for trails that allow bicyclists and equestrians. We allow service animals only.

1. Bicyclists are allowed only on pasture loops:
 - a. Observe the 15-mph trails speed limit; 5-mph when passing.
 - b. Wearing a helmet is required for users of ALL ages.
 - c. Always yield to other trail users.
 - d. Ride on designated trails only. Closed areas or off-trail use is prohibited.
2. Equestrians are allowed only on pasture loops by prior arrangement:
 - a. Helmets are required for ALL equestrians.
 - b. Ride on designated trails only. Closed areas or off-trail use is prohibited.
 - c. Waiver is required.
3. Only service animals are permitted:
 - a. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Highland accommodates service animals on the trails wherever we allow public access.
 - b. Service animals must be on a non-retractable leash not to exceed 6 feet.
 - c. Pick up animal waste and take it with you.