

TRAIL USAGE AND CLOSURES



Trail Usage

Due to high wildlife value and water quality considerations, this is a walking trail only with no motorized use. Although the types of uses are limited to those on foot or in wheelchairs or strollers, the benefit to visitors is very broad. The trail facilitates all ages of curious learners, in particular those studying natural resources and biological sciences. Additionally, it is an appealing site for specialty groups such as the Audubon Society, the Watershed Education Network, the Montana Department of Environmental Quality Wetlands Council, the Crown of the Continent Geotourism Council, Montana bird watching groups, wildlife biologists, plant biologists, wetland biologists, botanists, hydrologists, and natural resource managers.

Trail Closures

There is a seasonal trail closure from March 15th to May 1st of each year to protect native vegetation and the structural integrity of the trail and to avoid potential spring wildlife/human conflicts. WLI reserves the right to temporarily close the trail at other times of the year for safety reasons or to protect wildlife. This is bear and mountain lion country – be aware – carry bear spray and know how to use it. Pack out trash or deposit it in the bear-resistant garbage container at the main trailhead. Please report bear and mountain lion sightings to the WLI office at 406.862.4327. Mosquitoes breed extensively in the wetland environment – be prepared.

Rules of the Preserve

The rules of use of the Preserve are essential for reducing impacts to water quality, and to wildlife species and their habitat. Please stay on designated trails – do not use wildlife trails or create trails of your own.

- No Pets
- No Bicycles
- No Smoking
- No Hunting
- No Fishing Access
- No Motorized Vehicles or Equipment



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