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Join your fellow preserve visitors in helping to protect this special resource!

**PRESERVE IS OPEN SUNRISE TO SUNSET ONLY**

- **be aware of your surroundings**
  - Black bears and rattlesnakes call this preserve home. Please use caution when hiking.

- **leashes required**
  - Dogs must be leashed at all times to protect wildlife and other visitors. Visitors may be asked to leave.

- **pick up poop**
  - Dog waste is a health hazard for people, wildlife, and plants. Please bag your pet’s waste and take it with you. Please come prepared with your own waste bags.

- **foot traffic only**
  - No motorized vehicles or mountain bikes, please. Such vehicles can be destructive to plants and wildlife and disrupt the quiet experience others come to enjoy.

- **leave it as you find it**
  - Please leave all plants, flowers, animals, rocks, and artifacts for all visitors to enjoy.

- **hunting and fishing**
  - Hunting, fishing, and trapping are not permitted. Deer hunting is by special permit only. Visit natlands.org/hunting for permit information.

- **stick to trails**
  - Please stay on designated trails to protect fragile plants, prevent erosion or wildlife disturbance, and reduce the chance of tick-borne illnesses.

- **take your trash**
  - Please pick up all trash and take it with you when you go, even biodegradable materials like food scraps, which are unsightly and attract scavengers that can harm native wildlife.

- **photography**
  - Amateur photographers are welcome to take casual photos or videos (tag them with #NatLands!). Portrait photography is prohibited except when pre-arranged. Visit natlands.org/photography for more information.

- **no drones without prior, written permission**

- **no picnicking or alcohol**

- **no camping**

- **no wood cutting**

**TRAIL KEY**

**Bear Creek Preserve**

**Shades Creek trails**

- **red loop** 0.4 miles difficult
- **green loop** 2.6 miles moderate
- **yellow loop** 1.8 miles easy
- **purple loop** 6.5 miles difficult
- **blue trail** 1.3 miles moderate
- **other trails**

**Dry Land Hill trails**

- **yellow loop** 3.4 miles difficult
- **green loop** 2.0 miles moderate
- **purple trail** 0.8 miles moderate
- **gray trail** 1.6 miles difficult
- **white trail management use only**
- **primitive stream crossing**

**MAP KEY**

- preserve boundary
- woodlands
- wetlands and bogs
- parking area
- information kiosk

**NATURAL LANDS ENCOURAGES VISITORS TO LEARN ABOUT AND FOLLOW LEAVE NO TRACE PRINCIPLES FOR LOW IMPACT USE OF NATURAL AREAS.**

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