before you visit...

- Biting flies and ticks are common on the preserve, especially from May to September. Trails are minimally maintained during this period. Long pants and long-sleeved shirts, repellents, and head netting are recommended.

- Before using the water trails, check tide charts at saltwatertides.com. It is best to plan your trip around high tide (i.e., one hour before or one hour after). For your safety, stick to marked water trails.

- Take your trash and leave it as you find it. Do not litter around campfire areas or picnic tables, as this is a multi-use preserve for fishing, boating, hiking, and biking.

- Do not disturb research and education activities. Please leave all plants, flowers, animals, rocks, and artifacts for all visitors to enjoy.

- Food scraps, which are unsightly and attract scavengers that can harm native wildlife, are prohibited. Take your trash and reduce the chance of tick-borne illnesses.

- No swimming and jet ski use are permitted. No boats, motorized watercraft, or horseback riding are allowed in the preserve.

- Natural Lands encourages visitors to learn about and follow Leave No Trace principles to have the least impact on the preserve. Visit natlands.org/photography for more information.

- Portrait photography is prohibited except when pre-arranged. Visit natlands.org/photography for more information.

- Amateur photographers are welcome to take casual photos or videos (tag them with #NatLands!). Horseback riding is prohibited. Visit natlands.org/hunting for permit information.

- Hunting, fishing, and trapping are not permitted. Deer hunting is by special permit 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.

- Dogs must be leashed at all times to protect wildlife and other visitors. Violators may be asked to leave.

- Dog waste is a health hazard for people, wildlife, and plants. Please bag your pet’s waste, and take it with you.

- No picnicking or alcohol is allowed. Visit natlands.org/beforeyouvisit for more information.

- Join your fellow preserve visitors in helping to protect this special resource! Help preserve visitors respect the natural and cultural resources of the preserve by obeying all signs and bylaws.

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