



Hikes with Hounds

Volunteer Procedures for Hikes

For the safety of volunteers, staff and dogs, be advised of the following rules and procedures:

1. Wear clothing appropriate for hiking that you don't mind getting dirty. No tank tops or anything too short, revealing, offensive, etc. Do not wear facial piercing and keep jewelry to a minimum. This is for your protection.
2. Wear closed-toes shoes only. Absolutely no flip-flops or sandals of any kind.
3. Keep space, **LOTS of space**, between the dogs. Pay attention to what you are doing and what is going on around you. Avoid creating conflicts between dogs. This includes during loading/unloading of dogs at trail heads, as well as on the trail.
4. Keep hold of the leash and have it looped over your wrist at all times. Most of the dogs have not had any kind of leash or obedience training and can pull hard and be a handful.
5. Stay on the trail and stay within sight of a staff member.
6. Pull your dog off the trail when encountering other hikers and their dogs. Avoid any possible confrontations between dogs.
7. If going up or down steps on the trail, non-dog walkers should assist dog walkers to keep the dogs from pulling volunteers up or down the steps.
8. Share the dogs. There will always be more volunteers than dogs, be sure to trade off so all volunteers have ample time to walk a dog.
9. Clean up after your dog! Bags are provided.
10. Do not bring your personal dog, friends or children.
11. If you have any questions or need help during a hike, please ask a staff member.