

Comprehensive list of ACRES nature preserve rules

1. Nature Preserves that are open to the public are open dawn til dusk, every day.
2. Park only within the designated lot. If the lot is full, we encourage you to visit a nearby preserve. Find one at acreslandtrust.org/trails. Parking anywhere else on preserve property, our neighbor's property, or in the adjacent right of ways is prohibited and may result in your vehicle being ticketed or towed.
3. Visitors use the nature preserves at their own risk.
4. Only foot traffic is permitted in the nature preserves.
 - a. No motorized vehicles, bicycles, strollers, scooters, horses (or other pack animals) are allowed in the nature preserves.
5. Visitors must stay on designated trails.
6. Dogs are permitted, always on leash.
 - a. All other domestic animals (except service animals) and livestock are prohibited.
7. All commercial activities*, including, but not limited to, photography, are prohibited within the nature preserves.
8. To balance our promise to preserve natural areas forever while encouraging human understanding and appreciation of this land, nature preserves *must remain undisturbed*. To safeguard the preserves' natural resources while ensuring human safety, visitors must **NOT**:
 - a. Remove, move, harm, collect, deface, destroy, or pick **any** natural objects including wildflowers, wildlife (birds, frogs, turtles, salamanders, etc.), trees, wood, plants, minerals, fossils, mushrooms, seeds, fruit, nuts;
 - b. Hunt, fish or trap;
 - c. Discharge firearms, bows, explosives, fireworks, or any weapons;
 - d. Litter (please carry out your trash);
 - e. Operate motor-driven airborne devices (drones, R.C. airplanes, etc.);
 - f. Swim, camp, climb or rappel;
 - g. Build a fire;
 - h. Create noise pollution
9. Other prohibited activities include:
 - a. Metal detecting
 - b. Paintball
 - c. Sledding
 - d. Boating or paddling
 - i. No boats, canoes, kayaks, or flotation devices
 - e. Adding plants or animals (alive or dead)

Occasional exceptions are made to the rules for scientific, educational, or other purposes. These exceptions must be pre-approved, in writing, by the ACRES Office.

*If your proposed commercial use aligns with ACRES and promotes preservation, please contact us at acres@acreslandtrust.org or 260-637-2273.

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