

Leave No Trace – Outdoor Ethics for Frontcountry

Know Before You Go

- Be prepared! Remember food, water, and clothes to protect you from the cold, heat and rain.
- Use maps to plan where you're going. Check them along the way so you'll stay on course and won't get lost.
- Remember to bring a leash for your pet and plastic bags to pick up your pet's waste.
- Read books, check online and talk to people before you go. The more you know, the more fun you'll have.

Stick To Trails

- Walk and ride on designated trails to protect trailside plants.
- Do not step on flowers or small trees. Once damaged, they may not grow back.
- Respect private property by staying on designated trails.

Trash Your Trash And Pick Up Pet Waste

- Pack it in, Pack it out. Put litter – even crumbs, peels and cores – in garbage bags and carry it home.
- Use bathrooms or outhouses when available.
- Use a plastic bag to pack out your pet's waste to a garbage can.
- Keep water clean. Do not put soap, food, human or pet waste in lakes or streams.

Leave It As You Find It

- Leave plants, rocks and historical items as you find them so others can enjoy them.
- Treat living plants with respect. Carving, hacking or peeling plants may kill them.

Be Careful With Fire

Keep Wildlife Wild

- Observe wildlife from a distance and never approach, feed or follow them.
- Human food is unhealthy for all wildlife and feeding them starts bad habits.
- Protect wildlife and your food by securely storing your meals and trash.

Share Our Trails And Manage Your Pet

- Be considerate when passing others on the trail.
- Keep your pet on a leash to protect it, other visitors and wildlife.
- Listen to nature. Avoid making loud noises or yelling. You will see more wildlife if you are quiet.
- Be sure the fun you have outdoors does not bother anyone else. Remember, other visitors are there to enjoy the outdoors too.

For more information on Leave No Trace, please visit

www.LNT.org or call 1.800.332.4100



An ordinance to protect the environment

To ensure that our fragile desert environment is protected for future generations, the Phoenix City Council approved the Trail Ordinance on June 30, 1993. It defines designated and non-designated trails based on the protection of natural, cultural, historical and other resources of the parks and mountain preserves. Designated trails are marked by sign and are listed on this map.

This allows the Phoenix Parks and Recreation Board to designate areas for revegetation and to block their access from main trails. The ordinance was created to stem the tide of damage and erosion caused by "trailblazers." It also sets a penalty of no less than \$50.00 and eight hours of community service for entering park areas closed to public use.

General Trail Guidelines

Trail use recommended from sunrise to sunset
Avoid wet or muddy trails
Avoid taking shortcuts, cutting switchbacks, or creating new trails

Specific Trail Guidelines

All downhill traffic should yield to uphill traffic, no matter what type of user
Bicyclists yield to all other trail users
Hikers yield to equestrians
Control your speed at all times

Trail Etiquette & Safety

Everyone is on trails to enjoy the outdoors so please be considerate of other trail users
Bring plenty of water, especially during the summer months
Always tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return

Important Numbers

Emergency 911
Crimestop 602.262.6151
Rio Salado Park Rangers Office 602.262.6863
Natural Resources Division Office 602.495.5458

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Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area

The Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area stretches along five miles of the Salt River just south of downtown Phoenix. Once a dump site, the area is now a lush riparian corridor with five miles of paved and dirt trails dotted with unique design and user features.

Bird watchers have spotted more than 200 species of birds (and counting...) in Rio Salado's varied habitats from wetland ponds to mesquite bosque to cottonwood/willow forest. Hike, bike, wheelchair, jog, horseback -- anyone can access Rio Salado and experience the Salt River's rich and varied wildlife as it once was -- all in the heart of the nation's fifth largest city.

Please note that leashed dogs are allowed on the hard surface (asphalt) trails only. The primary goal of the project is to reestablish sensitive riparian habitat that disappeared from the Valley decades ago. Please do your part to allow the habitat at Phoenix Rio Salado to thrive and grow by keeping your dog on a leash and removing and properly disposing all pet waste.

