



# RESPECT THE LAND

## NON-MOTORIZED USERS GUIDE





# everyone

*has a stewardship role*

No matter how you enjoy Alberta's public lands—hiking, skiing, mountain biking, fishing, hunting, canoeing or on horseback—your presence has an impact on the natural landscape, vegetation, wildlife and waterways.

You can minimize your impact on the land by being aware of the effect you have on the environment and by acting responsibly.

**Take care of our public lands so that together we can enjoy them, now and into the future.**

# Trip & Trail Basics for Everyone

## Plan ahead and be prepared

- ➡ Know your route, terrain, ground and weather conditions, and applicable regulations. Contact the owner/leaseholder prior to traveling on private or leased land.

## Minimize your impact

- ➡ Travel in single file and use routes with the hardest, most durable surface.

## Manage your food and waste

- ➡ Never litter. Pack out what you pack in using sealed bags. Dispose of human waste responsibly.

## Take extra care with campfires

- ➡ Keep your campfire small and never leave it unattended. Before you leave, soak your fire, stir it and then soak it again.

## Leave what you find

- ➡ Don't disturb wildlife, livestock, crops, plants, rocks, archaeological artifacts and other objects of interest.

## Be courteous and respectful

- ➡ Share the trail with other users.
- ➡ Close gates. Don't cut fencelines.

**act responsibly. minimize your impact.**



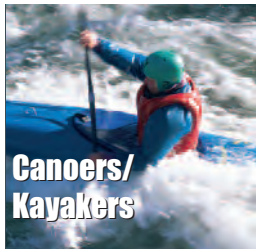
## Hikers

- ➔ Walk in single file in the middle of the trail.
- ➔ In pristine areas, spread out to minimize your impact.
- ➔ Make noise when approaching blind corners, dense shrubs and streams.



## Mountain Bikers

- ➔ Ride only on designated trails.
- ➔ Building ramps and permanent structures is prohibited except where written permission has been granted.
- ➔ Ride in control. Never skid and always slow down when approaching other users.
- ➔ Use a bell to warn other users of your approach.



## Canoers/ Kayakers

- ➔ Respect shorelands. Avoid launching/landing in soft or marshy areas.

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## Activity-specific tips



## Equestrian Users

- ➔ Use weed-free supplemental feed. Purge your horse by using weed-free feed for 12 hours prior to your trip.
- ➔ Avoid soft or marshy banks.
- ➔ Locate holding areas at least 100 metres from water.
- ➔ Avoid tethering horses to live vegetation.
- ➔ Spread manure to avoid accumulation and promote faster break down.
- ➔ Highline your horses to avoid damage to roots and bark of trees.



## Climbers/Cavers

- ➔ Don't drill/bolt. Use existing or removable protection whenever possible.
- ➔ Approach with caution. Be sensitive to trail erosion on steep approaches and fragile alpine areas.
- ➔ Avoid touching or damaging cave formations.
- ➔ Do not disturb bats with lights, loud noises or handling.

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## Skiers/ Snowboarders

- ➔ Travel over adequate snow cover.
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Know about avalanche safety. Always carry an avalanche beacon, shovel and probe.



## Hunters

- ➔ Discharge firearms away from areas frequented by other users and residents.
- ➔ Don't leave a carcass or entrails near trails or roads.
- ➔ Be alert for large predators such as bears and cougars when packing out your quarry.



## Anglers

- ➔ Know how to identify fish.
- ➔ Follow the regulations for limit, species and size for each season.
- ➔ Use barbless hooks to cause less damage to fish.
- ➔ Handle fish with care to help them survive after they have been released.
- ➔ Clean, drains and dries boat and equipment to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.
- ➔ Dispose fish waste in fast-moving or deep water.

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## FOR ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY SPECIFIC TIPS

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**"Recreation and Public Use**



**camping**



**motorized use**

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Wildfire**

**310-FIRE**

**(3473)**

**Report a  
Poacher**

**1-800-  
642-3800**

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**shared resource. shared responsibility.**