

PROTECT & RESPECT Each Other & the Land

Practicing basic trail etiquette protects the environment, keeps you safe, and enhances everyone's enjoyment.

Good trail etiquette has never been more important than it is right now. With more people than ever enjoying the outdoors, it is essential to recreate responsibly and courteously to ensure all users have a safe, positive experience.

By embracing a few simple guidelines, you can do your part to protect and respect both our natural resources and your fellow trail users.

With your help, we can continue to enjoy Louisville Open Space and trails while preserving them for future generations.

Thank you for doing your part!



Boulder County Non-Emergency Dispatch

303.441.4444

DON'T: Take enforcement into your own hands.

DO: Call the Boulder County Non-Emergency Dispatch number. Please be prepared to provide the dispatcher with a location and problem.

Louisville Open Space

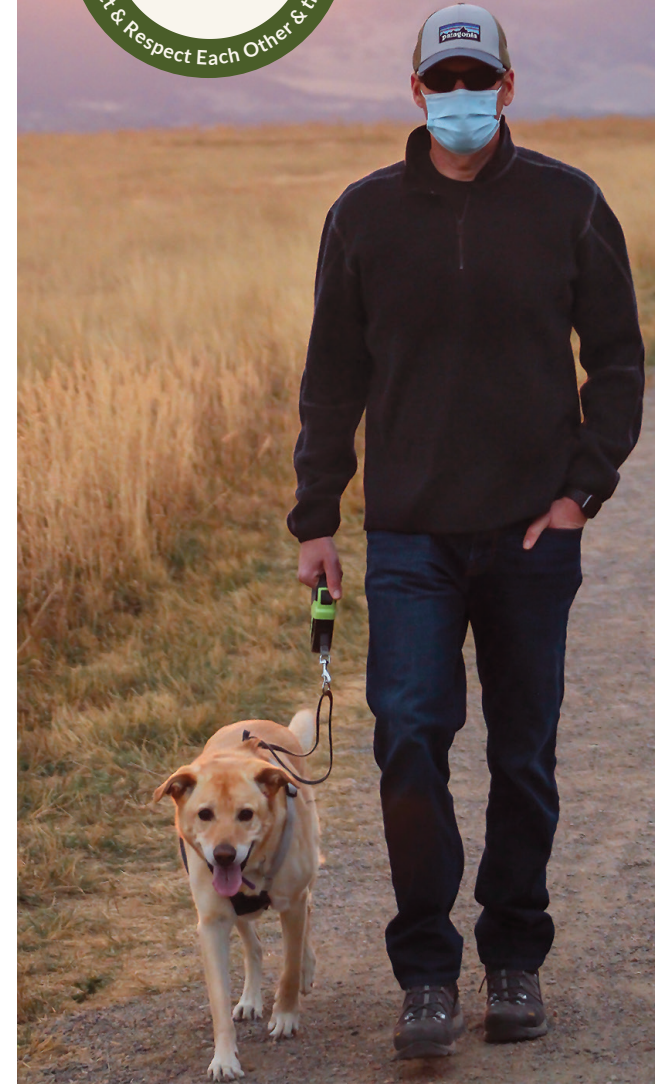
MISSION: To conserve and restore Open Space through land acquisition and management for the protection of natural and cultural resources and provide opportunities for education, volunteering and appropriate passive recreation.

VISION: An Open Space program funded for future generations that enriches the experience of living in Louisville by providing opportunities for citizens to reconnect with nature and their cultural heritage while also enhancing their mental and physical well-being.

The City owns or has an interest in 2,000 acres of open lands that serve a wide variety of values. Each open space property is designated with one or more classifications; Preserve, Protect, Visitor, and Other. These lands provide visual buffers between local municipalities and support many species of wildlife and diverse plant communities.



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Do's & Don'ts on Open Space & Trails



FACIAL COVERINGS



DO: Always bring a facial covering with you anytime you go outdoors, whether or not you think you might need one.

DO: Wear a facial covering if you cannot maintain 6' social distance, such as along a crowded trail during peak visitation.



DON'T: Use the trails if you are sick or have symptoms of COVID-19.

DON'T: Encroach on the social distancing space of others, just because you are wearing a facial covering.



PROTECTING NATURAL RESOURCES



DO: Stop and step to the edge of the trail and let others pass.

Most designated trails allow single file passing on trail while maintaining social distance.

DO: Visit during off-peak times.

Consider visiting parks and open spaces during times when fewer people are present, such as mid-morning or early afternoon.



DON'T: Trample vegetation by walking or riding next to the trail.

Going off the trail widens the trail corridor, promotes erosion, and helps the spread of noxious weeds.

DON'T: Create new social trails to avoid passing others on the trail.

DON'T: Swim or wade in Harper Lake or any other City-owned body of water. Harper Lake is our reserve drinking water and is sensitive to contamination by body contact.



PETS



DO: Pick up your dog waste.

DO: Keep dogs on leash and under control.



DON'T: Leave bags of pet waste along the trail (there is no poop fairy!)

DON'T: Leave pets in a hot car.



TRAIL ETIQUETTE

DO: Call out your intent to pass. You may need to signal multiple times for the person to hear you over traffic, a conversation, or their music.

DO: Pass single file.

Move to a single file line at the trail's edge to let people pass.

DO: Slow down!

When passing on your bike slow down and give ample room.

DO: Free your ears.

Leave one ear free of any earbuds or other devices so you can hear others signal.

DO: Treat everyone with respect!

DO: Throw it out.

Dispose of garbage and recycling at appropriate facilities.

DO: Stay 6' apart when possible.

DO: Be kind and considerate.



TRAIL ETIQUETTE



DON'T: Walk with two or more people abreast when passing.

DON'T: Play loud or amplified music. If others can hear it, it's too loud!

DON'T: Congregate off trail in vegetation.