



RULES AND REGULATIONS

All rules apply to the sections of the Backcountry Wilderness Area of Highlands Ranch which are owned by the Highlands Ranch Community Association (HRCA) and have access provided by a designated trail system.

The Backcountry Wilderness Area is private property owned by the HRCA. Trails are for use only by HRCA members and their guests. Guests must be accompanied by an HRCA member.

It is prohibited and may be unlawful, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Backcountry Wilderness Area Director or the HRCA General Manager/CEO for any person:

A. Closed Areas

- 1) To enter, use, or occupy the Backcountry before sunrise or after sunset except when such entry use or occupancy is part of an HRCA sanctioned activity.
- 2) To enter, use, or occupy the Backcountry during the time such land or portions thereof are designated for closure for reasons including, but not limited to, seasonal closures, wildlife protection closures, sensitive area closures, and erosion control closures.
- 3) To walk, run, jog, hike, bicycle, ride a horse, or in any other manner, go off of the designated trail, except under the immediate direction and control of an HRCA employee or an authorized HRCA volunteer during an HRCA sanctioned activity.
- 4) To cross, go over, or go under any fence within the property. Fences may only be crossed through designated gates. If gates are locked, they may not be climbed over or crossed through in anyway.

B. Damage to Property/Vandalism

- 1) To remove, destroy, deface, damage or in any other way vandalize any amenity, facility, structure, sign, marker, or any other improvement.

- 2) To alter, damage, destroy, remove, or in any other way vandalize wildlife habitat features or potential wildlife habitat features; including, but not limited to animal dens, burrows, dwellings, and nests.
- 3) To remove, deface, damage, or in any other way vandalize any vegetation, rock, or any object of archaeological, biological, geological, or historical interest, or any object that may be considered a natural resource to the area.
- 4) To excavate, dig, or disturb the ground, including but not limited to any rock, soil, and sediment or plant matter.

C. Dogs/Domestic Animals

- 1) To bring any PET OR ANIMAL into the Backcountry WITH THE EXCEPTION OF: (i) COMPANION AND SERVICE ANIMALS AS ALLOWED BY LAW; (ii) HORSES (in permitted areas); and (iii) dogs on leash (in permitted areas).
- 2) To leave unattended any PET OR ANIMAL.
- 3) To allow any pet to chase, attack, pursue, harass, cause injury, or kill wildlife including mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish; or to alter, damage, destroy, remove, or in any other way vandalize wildlife habitat features including but not limited to animal dens, burrows, dwellings, or nests.

D. Wildlife/Habitat

- 1) To feed, or to attempt to feed, any wildlife.
- 2) To take, collect, gather, or possess any animal, vegetation, rock, wood or any other object.
- 3) To remove or release any wildlife or domesticated animal.
- 4) To trap or set traps, harass, chase, harm, capture, kill, maim, or possess any wildlife including mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish except:
 - a) When hunting is allowed by written permission from HRCA in accordance with rules and regulations administered by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife; or
 - b) With written permission from HRCA for purposes of scientific research, wildlife census, education, or interpretation.

E. Livestock/Grazing

- 1) To harass, harm or chase any livestock or to allow a domestic animal to harass, harm or chase any livestock.
- 2) To turn livestock loose onto or to negligently or intentionally allow livestock to graze without prior written agreement with the HRCA.

F. Firearms/Projectiles/Explosives/Flying Crafts

- 1) To possess, cock, aim, or discharge any firearm, including but not limited to rifles, handguns, BB guns, pellet guns, air guns, paint ball guns, slingshots, or any device capable of discharging any projectile, except when hunting is allowed by written permission from HRCA in accordance with rules and regulations administered by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife.
- 2) To possess, draw, or discharge any archery equipment, including but not limited to bows, longbows, crossbows, compound bows, arrows, and darts; except in designated areas or when hunting is allowed by written permission from HRCA in accordance with rules and regulations administered by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife.
- 3) To possess, ignite, or discharge fireworks or explosive devices.
- 4) To throw, discharge, fly or launch any type of missiles or any remote controlled, self-powered water, surface, or aircraft
- 5) To operate any unmanned aircraft systems (drones) over or launch from, or land on Backcountry property without written permission from the HRCA; except in an emergency situation.
- 6) To ignite or launch any model rocket or similar device.
- 7) To golf, or hit any golf balls.

G. Fire

- 1) To build, light, or maintain any fire of any nature
- 2) To smoke, light, or discard, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, and/or any other smoking device; including electronic smoking devices.

H. Litter/Dumping

- 1) To deposit or leave any refuse, trash, litter, household or construction debris or commercial garbage including but not limited to brush, lawn trimmings, and Christmas trees.

I. Posted Notices

1) To violate any posted sign or to violate any regulation set forth in a brochure or other manner of communication.

J. Glass Containers

1) To possess any glass container.

K. Unreasonable Noise

1) To use sound amplification devices or make unreasonably loud noises which would disturb others.

L. Interference

1) To interfere or attempt to interfere with any HRCA employee or HRCA volunteer while in performance of their official duties or to give false or misleading information with the intent to mislead said person in the performance of their duties.

M. Rock Climbing/Bouldering

1) To take part or aid in any type of rock climbing and/or bouldering.

N. Unlawful Improvements

1) To construct, place or maintain any kind of road, trail, structure, fence, enclosure, communication equipment or other improvements except with written permission or within the allowed uses outlined in the management plan.

2) To place fixed or permanent rock climbing hardware.

O. Use of Motorized Vehicle

1) To operate any motorized vehicle on or off of the trail, including but not limited to gas, battery, and electric powered motors. **Except Electric Assisted Bicycles, or E-Bikes “Class 1” and “Class 2” as defined by Colorado Revised Statute, 42-1-102. Generally two or three wheeled bicycles with operable pedals and an electric motor not exceeding 750 watts of power and whose motor ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 20 mph. Also excepted are emergency, maintenance, and patrol vehicles; as well as such devices used by disabled persons. Devices used by disabled persons as Other Power Driven**

Mobility Devices (OPDMD) must not weigh more than 200 lbs, may not exceed a maximum speed of 20 mph, and may not be liquid fueled; unless written permission from the HRCA is obtained.

P. Parking

- 1) To park any vehicle and/or trailer on or within The Backcountry Wilderness Area; except in designated trail parking area.
- 2) To park any bicycle or horse in such a manner as to create a hazard or obstruction to pedestrians, equestrians, bicyclists, and emergency responders or damage natural resources.

Q. Hazardous Activity

- 2) To engage in any activity which constitutes a hazard to the safety of self or other persons except in areas where such activity is specifically authorized.

R. Commercial Activity

- 1) To conduct any commercial activity, special activity, event, or concession, or to provide any service, product or activity for which a fee is charged; without written permission from the HRCA.

S. Failure to Yield Right of Way

- 1) Bikers must yield to pedestrians and equestrians while pedestrians must yield to equestrians.

Violations

Violations of rules and regulations may result in prosecution in accordance with private property laws of the state of Colorado AND/or ENFORCEMENT PURSUANT TO THE HRCA COVENANT AND RULE ENFORCEMENT POLICY.