

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) allows responsible use of its forestland in Western Montana for public recreation, such as hunting, fishing and camping. Hazards exist, so recreationists must use caution and enter at their own risk. Logging and forestry activities are ongoing, and may pose a danger. The following regulations must be adhered to when using TNC forestlands:

- Non-motorized public access is allowed on all lands, at all times of the year, unless otherwise posted.
- Wheeled motorized access is allowed, but is limited to open, established roads.
- No unauthorized wheeled motorized use of closed roads or trails is allowed. Closed roads and trails are often posted as such by TNC. However, a closed gate or other closure device (such as a log barricade or earthen berm) with no sign is closed to all wheeled motorized vehicles. Road restrictions apply even if a sign, gate or closure device has been vandalized or damaged.
- Gates must not be blocked. Administrative, contractor, or emergency traffic may need to pass through.
- No off-road or off-trail wheeled motorized use is allowed by the general public; however,
- Snowmobiles are allowed from December 1 to May 1, except where signed closures exist. To reduce impacts to soils, vegetation and wildlife, TNC requests that snowmobilers stay on groomed or signed snowmobile routes, or roads open to snowmobile use.
- Hunting, fishing and all forms of legal animal harvest in accordance with relevant state laws are allowed.
- Hunting or transportation of hunters or game with administrative or commercial vehicles is prohibited behind a closure.
- Personal-use plant, berry and mushroom harvesting are allowed.
- Personal-use firewood gathering of dead or down wood is allowed; a \$15.00 permit is required, allowing for 5 cords per permit. Vehicles must stay on established, open roads for wood retrieval. Commercial firewood harvesting is not allowed, except as specifically permitted.
- Camping is limited to 14 days per campsite. During this time the campsite must not be left unattended for more than 3 consecutive days. Camping beyond 14 days requires relocating to a new site at least 5 miles from the original site. To minimize conflicts with bears, human, pet and livestock food, garbage and all other attractants shall be acceptably stored at all times (see Lolo Nat'l Forest Food/Attractant Order #F06-003-LOLO-D6). During campsite occupation, firewood may be cut only for use within that campsite. No live trees may be cut by campers.
- The use of certified weed-seed-free livestock hay, forage, and bedding is required for all livestock users and animal handlers. Do not tie livestock to trees; instead use a post, high-line or hitch-rail.
- Pack out all garbage. Leave TNC lands as clean as or cleaner than you found them.
- Do not pollute with human waste. Pack out or bury all human waste at least 6" deep. Toilets located within 300 feet of water must be self-contained.
- All activity on TNC lands is at the individual's OWN RISK. TNC assumes no liability or responsibility of any kind with respect to any of the activities described above or otherwise.
- Any use of TNC lands not consistent with these regulations shall be considered trespassing (and/or any other applicable crime) and shall be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
- TNC reserves the right to close off access to all or any portion of its lands, or to require anyone to leave its lands, at any time for any reason.

It is your responsibility to know whose property you are using and that property's regulations. Avoid trespassing on private property. **Please report violations or vandalism to TNC at 406-793-0038, 406-543-6681, or to Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks at 406-542-5500 or 1-800-TIP-MONT.**

For more information or to purchase a firewood permit, contact TNC at 793-0038 or 543-6681.

Thank you for your cooperation!