



# Guide to the Outside: tips for taking care of nature

## Stay on designated trails.

Going off-trail can harm wildlife habitats, trample vegetation, cause soil erosion and increase the spread of invasive species as seeds get stuck to shoes, tires, and pet paws.

*Watch your step! Wildlife underfoot!*



## Leave no trace.

Take out whatever you bring in with you. Trash can be harmful or deadly to wildlife. BPAs from plastic can chemically leach into the ecosystem.

*Fishing line is especially harmful to wildlife. Please try to dispose of it properly*



## Share the trail. Keep right, pass left.

Common courtesy to reduce user collisions on the trails.



## Be aware of Poison Ivy.

Staying on-trail is the best way to avoid poison ivy. The plant has good nutrients for wildlife, but is an irritant for humans and dogs.

*"Leaves of three, let it be"*



## Keeps pets on a leash and carry out their waste.

Pets are potential predators and can harm/kill wildlife, or your pet might be harmed. Pets off-leash promote the spread of invasive plant seeds. Pet waste must be bagged and carried out. Pets' domesticated diets do not decompose easily outside.



## Bike only on the paved Oak Leaf and Beerline trails, per county ordinance.



Other local mountain bike trails: Kegel Alpha, Hoyt, Oak Hill, Bubba Wood's, and River Glen Trails.

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## Protect the wildlife and plants, do not collect material.

Food for wildlife is already limited in this urban green space, so please do not forage. The soil on the Milwaukee River is toxic from years of industrial pollution, so it is not healthy to eat. Also do not remove or plant any species.



## Hiking (dirt) trails are for hiking only.

Soft or unpaved trails are for hiking only. Passing can be dangerous on narrow trails. Bike only on designated bike trails.



*Thank you for taking care of the Milwaukee River and trails!*