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Kerrville River Trail – Reminder of rules and etiquette

Kerrville, Texas (Sept. 20, 2023) – The Parks and Recreation Department would like to take the opportunity to remind the community of the general rules and regulations of the park system, specifically the Kerrville River Trail, in an effort to be proactive, particularly with safety measures. We are blessed with a beautiful park system for the community to enjoy. Please remember to follow the regulations for the safety and enjoyment of all users.

If you witness a regulation violation, you are encouraged to notify Parks and Recreation staff, if present. Call the Parks and Recreation Department at (830) 257-7300 during business hours or the Kerrville Police Department non-emergency number at (830) 257-8181 after hours. The Police Department's Citizens on Patrol can often be seen patrolling the River Trail as well.

Kerrville River Trail Regulations and Etiquette

The following regulations and etiquette apply to the Kerrville River Trail and are in addition to the general park rules and regulations.

- Observe and obey trail regulations and warning signs.
- Trail use during daylight hours only, from dawn to dusk. The trail is not lit and is a day-use trail.
- Stay on the trail. Never leave the trail unless inside one of the public parks. Much of the trail is on private property, and we don't want trespassing to occur.
- The trail is a hike and bike trail only. No skateboards, longboards, hoverboards, scooters, or any other similar equipment. Bicycles are the only approved recreational equipment on the trail.
- No motorized vehicles, including golf carts, utility carts, motorized bikes, and powered toys. Use of motorized vehicles and equipment is by authorized personnel only.
- Motorized wheelchairs / personal mobility devices are allowed.
- Always stay on the right side of the trail, whether walking, running, or biking. When in groups, do not take up more than half of the width of the trail, especially when approaching others. Utilize a single file method to allow all to pass safely. Do not block the trail.
- Dogs are to be kept on a short leash and must stay near the owner so as not to impede others or cause potential safety issues, especially due to the length of the leash. Do not allow your dog(s) to take up more than half of the width of the right side of the trail or to approach others unless invited. Step off the trail with the dog if others are passing if necessary as a courtesy to others. Dogs must have current vaccinations, be well-behaved, and owners must clean up after them. Aggressive dogs are not allowed in parks or on the trail. The owner must have control of their dog(s) at all times.
- Be respectful and courteous to others on the trail. Share the trail.
- When approaching slower-moving traffic with the intention of passing, cautiously let the slower trail users know you are behind them and intend to pass on their left (bell or verbal warning). Bikers are to slow down when approaching pedestrians. Hikers have the right of way to bikers.
- Always carry a charged cell phone.
- Be aware of your surroundings and be mindful if choosing to wear headphones so that you are alert at all times.
- Know where you are on the trail at all times in case you have to call for assistance or need to notify authorities about a situation - maps are located at each trailhead.
- Be aware of weather conditions and do not endanger yourself or others during inclement weather. Do not use the trail during heavy rain and flooding.

- Hydrate before any physical activity and check your bike before starting so you don't have to be rescued by others.
- If barricades are in place, do not move, go around, or otherwise ignore them.

General Park Regulations:

- Park hours are dawn to 11 p.m. unless otherwise specified.
- No smoking (this includes vaping and e-cigarettes).
- No glass containers.
- Motorized vehicles in designated parking and roadways only. No jumping the curb or driving in grass or other areas, including trails.
- No firearms, unless allowed by State law.
- No metal detectors.
- No golfing (except at Scott Schreiner Municipal Golf Course).
- No vending, sales, or organized group use unless by approved permit.
- No overnight camping (except at Kerrville-Schreiner Park).
- No entering the river from trees, bridges, platforms, dams, or elevated surfaces.
- No littering.
- Dogs are to be leashed at all times - please clean up after your pets.
- Special events held in the parks or on city property require a special event application and permit. Contact the Parks and Recreation Department located at 2385 Bandera Hwy., (830) 257-7300, kerrpark@kerrvilletx.gov for more information.

Additional rules and regulations apply. For a complete list of ordinances, please visit https://library.municode.com/tx/kerrville/codes/code_of_ordinances, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (830) 257-7300 or recreation@kerrvilletx.gov, visit the city's website at www.kerrvilletx.gov, or follow us on Facebook at City of Kerrville Parks and Recreation Department or Instagram at cityofkerrville.



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