



### **Hiking Participants**

- Ages 5 and up can participate on backpacking Events; all ages are welcome on the Day Event Weekend.
- Youth (have not graduated high school) must be accompanied by a chaperone during Fall & Spring events. We prefer that these chaperones be over 21 years old; exceptions only with prior approval.

### **Arrival and Departure**

- Plan to arrive between 6 and 8pm on the first day of the event. If you (or someone in your group) need extra time to pack, arrive closer to 6. It's helpful if everyone can arrive by 7pm. Our schedule depends on everyone arriving no later than 8pm, so please be courteous to others by arriving on time.
- If you are going to be late (or early), call us and let us know: (276) 388-3867.
- On Sunday, hikers are able to leave as soon as they return to the Property and check in equipment (and no later than noon). Those join us for our Chapel service will be able to leave around 11:30am.

### **Vehicles & Travel**

- Once you leave the interstate, cell phone service will be spotty. Plan your route ahead of time.
- Directions can be found at <http://www.wtrail.com/directions.html>. Mapquest isn't always right in our area.
- Because rural gas stations can be sparse, it's a good idea to fill your tank when you leave the highway.
- WT will ask to use some participants' vehicles to drop off hiking groups. That typically means the owner drives it to the trailhead and one of our adults drives it back to the Property. This is not required, but if you're willing, we appreciate it! Extra keys are also helpful if you have them.

### **Contact Information**

- Cell phones don't work in Troutdale. You may receive emergency phone messages at (276) 388-3867.
- You are welcome to use our public phone line; please bring a prepaid calling card, or call collect.

### **Items Not Allowed at Fall Events**

- Pets; Drugs and Alcohol

### **Hiking Groups and Routes**

- Hiking groups are limited to 14 participants in the Spring and Fall; ideally, group size is 10 participants.
- WT's ability to accommodate requests (such as daily mileage or other group members) will depend on the needs of other hikers. Wilderness Trail is a group experience and decisions are made with that in mind.

### **Sleeping Accommodations**

- When at the Property, participants may choose to sleep in the Lodge, one of our 6 Sleeping Shelters, one of the Summer Staff cabins, or the Adirondack. These are given on a first-come, first-served basis.
- We hope to turn the lights out in the Lodge around 10:30pm, but depending on arrival times and group meetings, this may not be possible.
- Those who need privacy when sleeping – or an earlier bedtime – will not want to sleep in the Lodge.
- Participants are also welcome to bring their own tents to set up at the Property.

### **Weather**

- The average Fall low is 37°; the average high is 65°.
- Weather changes quickly in the mountains. Colder temperatures (and snow) are possible.
- Always pack warm clothes and rain gear no matter what the forecast is.

### **Base Camp Participants**

- Adults (and their children) who wish to participate but not hike are gladly included among our Base Camp Participants. We request that these "BCPs" pay a \$35/person registration fee to cover their costs.
- Wilderness Trail will provide all meals for these BCPs.
- While the others hike, there will be time for helping out (cleaning, picking up vehicles) as well as free time. BCPs may enjoy bringing books, cards, journals, etc.