



Hiking Participants

- Ages 5 and up can participate on backpacking Events; all ages (with supervision) are welcome as “BCPs.”
- Youth (those who 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. Evening worship will begin at 9.
- If you are going to be late (or early), call us and let us know: (276) 388-3867.
- On the last morning, hikers are able to leave as soon as they return to the Property and check in equipment (and no later than noon). Those who 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 Spring or 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 hiking 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, most participants will sleep in one of our 7 Sleeping Shelters or the Adirondack. These are given on a first-come, first-served basis. Those with special needs may request to sleep on the floor in the Lodge. 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 – are welcome to bring their own tents to set up at the Property.

Weather

- The average Spring low is 45°; the average high is 70°.
- 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 (“BCPs”)

- 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.