Our Trail Rules adhere to and promote healthy conservation ethics. They are based on a respect for nature and other visitors, and are supported by scientific research. Our efforts to preserve the ecology of this unique place are for you and for the next generation. Enjoy your time outdoors responsibly and with minimal impact.

To protect our land
1. Remain on designated trails to protect woodland habitat and prevent erosion to vulnerable hillsides. (Off-trail activity is prohibited.)
2. Trails are reserved for foot traffic only.
3. Walk in groups of 12 or fewer. Run in groups of 6 or fewer.
4. Do not litter. Pack it in, pack it out.
5. Tree climbing is not allowed. Trees are habitat for mammals, insects and birds.
6. Flower picking is not allowed. Flowers should remain for everyone's enjoyment!
7. Specimen, rock or fossil collecting is not allowed. Observe the treasures around you.
8. Hunting is not allowed.

To protect our water
9. Remain on stepping stones to protect aquatic habitat and prevent erosion to pond edges and stream banks.
10. Wading and fishing are not allowed.
11. Stream exploration is permitted on trail path only.
12. Feeding waterfowl and other wildlife is prohibited.

To protect your experience
13. Children 14 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.
14. Weapons, including concealed firearms, are prohibited on our premises.
15. Smoking, including e-cigarettes and all other smoking devices, is prohibited. Welcome to a smoke-free environment!

Dog Rules

While many nature centers do not allow dogs, we welcome them. We hope that our members help protect that privilege by following our Dog Rules. These rules are in place to keep our members, wildlife and pets safe.

1. Register your dog by calling Rowe Woods Gatehouse at (513) 965-4245.
2. Dogs must be leashed and under control at all times.
3. Keep your dog on the path provided. Dogs are prohibited from wading or swimming.
4. Prevent contact between your dog and other guests.
5. Clean up after your dog AND carry the bag to the nearest garbage can.
6. Dogs are not permitted inside Nature Center buildings.

If you see a dog off-leash, out of control or in distress, call Visitor Services at (513) 831-1711 or (513) 965-4245.

Cincinnati Nature Center reserves the right to apply penalties or revoke a membership if a person does not follow the rules we have put in place. In such case, no refund will be issued.