



We are excited about your visit to Owl's Hill! Please understand we are a private sanctuary. We keep trails and facilities to a minimum in order to protect native species and their diverse, often fragile, habitats.

When visiting Owl's Hill Nature Sanctuary, please follow these simple guidelines. This will do more than protect the wildlife here -- it will ensure that others are also able to leave with good memories and a sense of restored peace.

Guidelines:

- **All visitors are required to sign in/out at the Visitor Center upon arrival and departure.** This helps keep track of cars that should and should not be here. **The gate locks promptly at 4 pm.**
- Stay on designated trails. Do not trespass on land adjacent to Owl's Hill.
- **Dogs are not permitted in the Sanctuary**, even with a leash. Disability-assistance dogs are welcome.
- Quiet, please. The Sanctuary is a tranquil place. Please, no loud music, loud noises or ringing phones.
- Respect the owls. Please do not feed, make loud sounds, harass or try to touch. Anyone found doing so will be asked to leave.
- No littering. **We are a carry-in, carry-out facility.**
- Smoking is prohibited.
- Removing flowers, plants, rocks, sticks, fruit, feathers or anything else that belongs in nature is strictly prohibited. Unless it's trash, if you did not enter the sanctuary with it, you shouldn't leave with it.
- Do not remove any stakes, poles, signs, markers or other objects as they may be part of an ongoing study or project.
- Unmanned aerial systems, motorized trail vehicles and bicycles are strictly prohibited.
- Observe wild animals from a distance. Use binoculars and cameras.
- Hunting is strictly prohibited.
- Photographs are a wonderful way to remember your visit. Visitors are welcome to take snapshots of subjects that capture your visit. A **photography permit and fee** is required for those who to use Owl's Hill as a backdrop for posed, portrait or commercial photography.
- We are rustic by design; there are no regular restroom facilities at Owl's Hill. Porta-potties are located near the Visitor Center.

Safety Suggestions:

- Wear footwear suitable for hiking.
- Bring plenty of water.
- Bring insect repellent. Check for ticks after visiting. To protect yourself from ticks, chiggers, or poison ivy...wear long pants and tuck them into your socks.
- If you're allergic to bees, remember to bring along a bee sting kit.

Be Mindful of Your Ecological Impact:

- Do not make new trails.
- Seeds stick to shoes and clothing. You may introduce non-native weeds without knowing it. Inspect pant legs and shoes (including soles) and remove any seeds before visiting.
- Avoid walking in wet areas where soils are saturated and soft. These areas are especially sensitive to vegetation trampling.
- Watch out for bird nests on low shrubs and the ground. They are generally well concealed and are easily crushed.

If you see any damage or things we need to repair/correct please contact the Owl's Hill staff at 615-370-4672 or info@owlishill.org.