

# HACIENDA HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

## PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH

### “Trail Safety Tips”

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#### TRAIL TIPS;

1. When hiking, do remain on the trail provided and obey all posted regulations/signs. Violations include taking shortcuts by creating your own trail.
2. Trails open and close at sunrise and sunset for your safety. The night time is for the wildlife that live there and we should respect it. Trespassing during closed trail hours result in fines of \$175.00 to \$1,000.00
3. All trails are closed after a heavy rainfall which may include 48 hours after a heavy rain. The content of the ground may include “clay” which could cause the soil to become “greased”, slippery and unsafe for any activities.
4. Carry out all litter you pack. This included water bottles and food wrappers. Littering in the Preserve result in fines of \$175.00 to \$1,000.
5. Keep your dog control on a leash and pick up its’ waste! Some areas display a “No dog” sign, please obey the signs. Failure to follow the regulatins of pets will also include a fine of \$175.00 to \$1,000.
6. Take plenty of water for yourself and your pet. Dogs are more susceptile to heat stroke than humans. Hiking early at sunrise is the best time to avoid high heat and prevent sunstroke.
7. Do not disturb, feed or harass wildlife, or remove any plans. Your voice and any other noise (eg. music) should remain at a low volume. Failure to follow these regulations include a fine as mentioned previously.
8. Attacks by wildlife such as mountain lions, coyotes, or bobcat are extremely rare. Your chances of being struck by lightning is greater than being attacked by wildlife. Snake bites occur because one has stepped on it and failed to watch the trail ahead.

The wildlife, trail users and your dog will thank you for following these rules!

