GROUND RULES

For the comfort and safety of all visitors and the security of the property, the following rules are in effect at all times:

- **Hours:** grounds are open at 9:00 am, and close at dusk. Visitors must leave by dusk except when permitted for special programs or events.
- **Grounds** may be closed to the general public for special programs or events. Check our website or Facebook page in advance when planning to visit.
- **Parking:** please use outer parking lot unless otherwise posted. The inner parking lot (farther up Snake Den Rd) is for Highlands Pool parking; it is locked when the Pool is closed except when specifically posted for special programs or events. Parking near the main building is reserved for the Center’s programs and events.
- **Vehicles** are not allowed on New Weis Center grounds other than parking lots, except by special permission or when specifically posted for special programs or events.
- **Engine idling** is limited by State law to 3 minutes, to help keep the air cleaner.
- **Children** need to be supervised by a parent or responsible party at all times.
- **Alcohol, smoking, and drugs** are not allowed.
- **This is a wildlife and nature sanctuary.** Firearms (or any type of weapon), hunting, fishing, trapping, wood-cutting and fireworks are NOT allowed.
- **Fires** are allowed only in the group fire circle, and only with an advance, written permit. Under dry weather conditions all ground fires may be banned. Please do not bring outside firewood, as it may spread destructive invasive insects; ample firewood and kindling is available onsite.
- **Camping** is allowed only with an advance, written permit. User fee/additional rules apply.
- **Pavilion, grill and picnic tables** by the old nature house are reserved for New Weis Center members and programs. They can be rented by the general public by an advance, written permit and payment of a user fee. No other cooking or grilling is allowed. See our website for information. (Note: the tables and grills along the stream near the Pool are independently owned and operated by the Highlands Pool, and are subject to their rules and fees).
- **Amplified music or speech** are not allowed (exceptions require an advance, written permit).
- **Rowdy behavior,** foul language, and excessive noise are not allowed.
- **Metal detecting,** excavating or similar activity is not allowed.
- **Drones, airplanes, other RC devices** are not allowed (exceptions require an advance, written permit).
- **Stream sides** are steep and dangerous – please keep out.
- **Trash:** Carry In – Carry Out is the policy. Please clean up all of your litter and follow the ‘Leave No Trace’ policy at all times!
- **Rocks and gravel** are not to be thrown anywhere.
- **Pets** must be quiet, calm and on leash at all times. By law, owners must clean up after their pets.
- **Horses, ATVs,** dirt bikes or similar are not permitted.
- **Hiking trails** on New Weis Center property and in adjacent Norvin Green State Forest are for foot traffic only – no motorized vehicles or bicycles allowed.
- **Rules:** The Center reserves the right to revise rules and enforce additional rules even if not posted.