

# The New Weis Center for Education, Arts & Recreation

Please Note That These Grounds Are Private Property!

## 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 9:00am, 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, ATV's**, 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.

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