

FORT BOISE-MILITARY RESERVE AREA Elephan Rock Bucktail Trail open to downhill bike travel only 0.25 Miles

OUTDOOR ETHICS

Keep Your Singletrack SINGLE—Hikers and Bikers

- Stay on singletrack trails and roads to prevent loss of native vegetation needed by wildlife.
- Don't hike or ride parallel to the trail. STAY OFF OF MUDDY TRAILS! Go early on winter
- mornings when trails are frozen hard. Check the trail conditions on

encountering others.

- facebook.com/Ridge to Rivers.
- Unauthorized trail maintenance is prohibited. Respect posted trail closures.

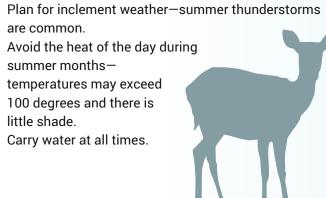
Promote Etiquette—Mountain Bikers

- Always STOP, put your foot down and let non-bikers
- Downhill riders always yield to uphill riders. Slow down and announce your presence when
- Stay on Marked Roads and Trails—Motorized Users Operation of a motorized vehicle on private land
- (Ada County Ordinance #6-3-1). Off-road motorcycles and ATVs must have a current Idaho Off-Road sticker while operating on public

without the landowner's permission is unlawful

- Be Safe-All Users Know what trail you are on in case of emergency.
- Wear proper attire including bike helmets for riders and proper footwear for hikers.
- are common. Avoid the heat of the day during
- summer monthstemperatures may exceed 100 degrees and there is

little shade. Carry water at all times.



You Are Not The Only Ones Out Here The Ridge to Rivers trails are in the sagebrush steppe plant community-home (and food) for birds, elk, mule deer, pronghorn, rabbits, sagebrush lizards, badgers,

and hundreds of other animals. Here are some tips: Recognize the critical times of year for wildlife. be overly cautious with your pets from winter

coyotes, bobcats, ground squirrels, permitted livestock

through early summer. Use a leash. Keep pets from "hunting" on hillsides. Ground-nesting birds will leave their nests if disturbed. Dogs will kill young birds, reptiles and mammals not capable of

escape. Also baby rattlesnakes are out in the spring.

Wildfires destroy native vegetation that is critical to wildife. Be careful with fire, avoid using fireworks on public lands and check IdahoFireInfo.com to see if any seasonal fire restrictions are in effect. Report wildfires or any illegal fire activities by calling 911 or Boise Interagency Dispatch at 208-384-3400. Pack out the garbage you bring in. Report littering.

The Boise River Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Like the rest of the foothills, the 36,000-acre WMA supports more than 300 species of wildlife. It provides winter habitat for mule deer and elk, and year-round habitat for other species. Motorized access is restricted in the winter. Hunters and trappers are active on the WMA. Dogs are required on leash on the Boise Front segment. Mountain

Respect Private Land

bikes are permitted on designated trails.

Thanks to private landowners, many of the trails in the Ridge to Rivers Trail System are available for public use. Please show your appreciation by staying on the marked trails. Straying from marked trails on private land is against the law and considered trespassing. Landowners can revoke established agreements at any time. Future opportunities rest with our collective trail etiquette.

Thank You For Your Cooperation



You and Your Dog Can Be Great Trail Users Know the leash restrictions for the trails that you are traveling on. Failure to comply with leash

- restrictions may result in a fine. Always carry a grocery bag or mutt mitt to pick up your pet's waste and deposit in trash cans.
- No one else will do this for you. Recognize the critical times of year for wildlife—
- be overly cautious with your pets. Keep pets from "hunting" birds on hillsides. Controlling your pet means keeping it from interfering with other trail users, or causing
- erosion by digging on hillsides or stream banks. "Controlled Off-Leash" Trails—dog owners still must carry a leash and waste bag with them, and their dogs should not be further than 30 feet away at any time.

"On-Leash" Trails—your dog must be on-leash at all

Respect for others and wildlife will go a long way in

keeping this option available to you and your pet.

times (all of these trails are clearly signed): Landslide Loop #70

- E. Shaw Mountain Rd E
- E. Highland Valley Rd F Red Tail #71 Lookout Loop #72
- Lucky Peak Rd #8
- W. Highland Valley #11 Homestead #12
- Cobb #13
- Polecat Loop #81 The Ponds Loop #21
- Freestone Creek #22B
 - Doe Ridge #82

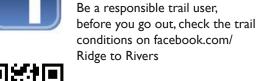
Bitterbrush #73

Chukar Butte #74

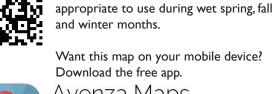
Currant Creek # 75

- Cottonwood Creek #27 Quick Draw #83 Toll Road #27A Barn Owl #85
- Hulls Pond Loop #34 Basalt #101
- Oregon #103 Red-winged
- Rim #102 Blackbird #35A Peace Valley
- Gold Finch #35 Red Fox #36
 - Overlook #109 Veterans #114
- Camel's Back #40 • 15th Street #41





conditions on facebook.com/ Ridge to Rivers Determine what trails are



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THE TOP 5 REASONS NOT TO USE MUDDY TRAILS

- 1. When trails are muddy, people use the side of the trail to avoid mud which kills plants and widens our trails—we lose the single-track character of our trail
- 2. As trails widen, erosion increases and the trails become difficult to maintain. Trail crews cannot adequately repair this type of damage.
- 3. Drainage structures put in by trail crews to divert water and curtail erosion are trampled and flattenedmaking them ineffective and increasing erosion along trails. No one likes to travel along deeply eroded trails—so they use the sides creating additional, parallel routes. This again leads to loss
- 4. Deep foot, hoof, tire and paw prints made in mud invariably freeze and become ankle twisting, teeth chattering experiences for those people trying to do the right thing—travel on trails when they are frozen (or dry).

of vegetation and eventual increased erosion.

5. We maintain and manage the Ridge to Rivers trail system for current and future generations. Continued, irresponsible use of trails will ensure one thing—that our children will not be able to enjoy the experiences that we currently have.

Preserve the Integrity of Our Trail System

- Stay off of muddy trails.
- In winter, ride or hike early in the morning when trails are frozen hard.
- Check daily trail conditions on our website or on Facebook to know whether you should be on the trails during winter months.
- If you encounter short stretches of mud, ride or walk straight through or over them. Do not widen the trail.

- **Great Alternatives** when trails are muddy: Rocky Canyon Road
- Mountain Cove Road Upper 8th Street Road
- The Boise Greenbelt Boise City Parks
- Dry Creek Trail #78 Lower Hulls Gulch Trail #29

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Trail #19A

- Camel's Back Trails #40 Toll Road #27A
- Freestone Ridge #5 All-Weather Trails for almost every weather condition:
- Rim Trail #102 Harrison Hollow Trail #57
- Oregon Trail #103
- Upper Portion of Basalt Trail #101 Red Fox Trail #36

Gold Finch #35

- Owl's Roost #37
- Hulls Pond Loop #34 The Grove #38
- Red-Winged Blackbird #35A
- Mountain Cove #22C **Trails to Avoid** during wet, winter, or marginal conditions:
- Old Pen Trail #15A

Sweet Connie Trail #77

- Table Rock Trail #15
- Polecat Loop #81
- Big Springs Loop #113
 Red Cliffs #39
- Central Ridge Spurs #22A
- ALL Hidden Springs Ridgecrest #20 Bucktail Trail #20A area trails

