Regulations to Help Us Serve You

This open space is managed for a variety of habitats. These regulations protect you and the natural resources of the open space.

◆ Know before you go ~ bikes are not permitted ~ day use area only ~ no camping – make sure you have water, leashes, trash bags, etc., before you leave the trailhead
◆ Choose the right path ~ stay on designated trails for safety and to protect wildlife and resources
◆ Trash your trash ~ remove all litter, including dog waste (carry in, carry out)
◆ Leave what you find ~ leave plants, rocks and historical items as you find them so that the next person can enjoy them
◆ Be careful with fire ~ no fires, no fireworks, no campfires, etc.
◆ Respect wildlife ~ do not approach wildlife or livestock ~ pets must be on leash at all times
◆ Be kind to other visitors ~ share the trail ~ yield to others especially if they are riding horses
◆ All special events ~ for required special event permits, call (970) 619-4570
◆ Hunting restrictions ~ (970) 619-4570 or www.larimer.org/naturalresources

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About Eagle’s Nest Open Space

Eagle’s Nest Rock, the centerpiece of this open space, is a local landmark, as well as a home to nesting golden eagles for a century. Mountain lions, bears, coyotes, deer, elk, rabbits, rattlesnakes, hawks and trout also frequent Eagle’s Nest Open Space.

Brands - Not Just for Livestock Anymore!

Cowboys trailed herds of cattle from the southern plains into this river valley in the 1870s. Herds grazed here for a few months and were driven on to be sold to army posts, Indian reservations and mining camps. Some cowboys with their herds stayed to create the ranches still operating today.

Cattle were branded with a simple, unique design to show ownership. As a tribute to the local ranching tradition, we use the brands of early cattle herds and ranches as names for the two Eagle’s Nest Open Space trail loops. The “3-Bar” Trail, leaving the trailhead, is named for the Sloan family brand. The “Oh-Tee” Trail, south of the North Fork of the Poudre River, is named for the Chaffee and Peters families’ brand.

As you travel this open space, watch for brands on the trail markers, showing the routes of the (3-Bar) Trail and the (Oh-Tee) Trail. Some old ranch roads are part of these trails and some are not. Do not enter roads posted with “NO PUBLIC ACCESS” signs.

Be Prepared Out There

There is very little shade and no drinking water along the trails. During the hot summer, take plenty of water, sunscreen and a hat. Take the proper clothing for sudden storms that occur any time of the year. Don’t forget the needs of your livestock and pets.

Larimer County’s Open Lands Program

Larimer County’s Open Lands Program is funded by a ¼-cent Help Preserve Open Spaces sales tax. This tax started in 1996 following a citizens’ initiative to acquire and manage open spaces. The Open Lands Program works with willing landowners to preserve and protect properties through fee simple and conservation easement transactions. The future of OUR open spaces is up to you! Being a good steward of the land and shopping locally are a few ways you can help.

Seasonal Closures Make Safe Havens for Wildlife

Please watch for and respect all seasonal area closures. These protect resident golden eagles from disruption while raising their young.