

# HIGH TRESTLE TRAIL REGULATIONS

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**06.01 PURPOSE.** The purpose of this chapter is to facilitate the enjoyment of the High Trestle Trail by the general public by establishing rules and regulations governing the use of the trail and its facilities. The following rules and regulations approved and adopted by the Boone County Conservation Board are enforceable under Section 461A.35, Code of Iowa.

**06.02 SCOPE OF USE.** It is intended that the trail be used by people, equines (the designated natural surface portion adjacent to the paved trail), and domesticated (non-wild) pets. People may use the trail for bicycle, roller skate, roller blade, running, jogging or walking purposes. The equine trail may be used by equestrians and people walking domestic animals.

**06.03 SAFETY.** All persons using any portion of the High Trestle Trail or associated trailhead parks must do so in a safe manner with regard for the safety of themselves and others. Parents or guardians are responsible for their children while on or adjacent to the High Trestle Trail Bridge. All informational signage, trail use courtesy signs, and traffic control devices need to be adhered to as well.

**06.04 DOMESTIC ANIMALS.** No person shall allow any domestic or privately owned animal to run at large on the trail or within trailhead parks. Every such animal shall be deemed as running at large unless such animal is carried; under the control of a leash or chain not longer than six (6) feet in length; or kept confined in or attached to a bicycle or wagon. Horses and equines shall not be ridden on the paved portion of the trail, except as necessary to cross the pavement to reach the designated natural surface horse path. No horse or other animal shall be hitched or tied to any tree or shrub, or any other object, in such a manner which could result in any damage to any trail property whatsoever. Horses and equines shall not be ridden on the High Trestle Trail Bridge.

**06.05 ANIMAL WASTE.** Animal waste must be removed from the trail pavement. It may be left on the non-paved trail right-of-way including the natural surface horse path. It shall not be disposed of in any body of water along the trail.

**06.06 TRASH DISPOSAL.** Trash shall not be left on the trail, trail right-of way; or trailhead parks. Food wrappers; beverage bottles; and all other man made trash and containers must be properly disposed of in recycling containers or trash receptacles (as may be the case) based on availability.

**06.07 REMOVAL OF FLOWERS, PLANTS, AND VEGETATION.** No person shall in any manner remove, destroy, injure or deface any tree, shrub, plant, or flower or disturb any natural attraction.

**06.08 PROHIBITED AREAS.** No person shall use or enter upon any portion of the trail in disregard of official signs, gates or barriers forbidding the same except by permission of the Boone County Conservation Board Director or a designated representative.

**06.09 ALCOHOL PROHIBITED.** No person shall consume any type of alcoholic beverage on the High Trestle Trail or High Trestle Trail Bridge.

**06.10 SOLICITING AND PEDDLING.** Peddling, soliciting, or commercial sales of any kind is prohibited on or along the trail without the official permission of the Boone County Conservation Board.

**06.11 MINORS AND CURFEW.** No minor, as defined by person under the age of 18, shall be allowed to be on the trail or trail bridge during the specified times from 10:30pm until 5:00am Sunday through Thursday or from 12:00 (midnight) through 5:00am on Friday and Saturday. A minor may be on the trail or trail bridge after designated curfew times if they are accompanied by a parent or guardian.

**06.12 BICYCLE DEFINED.** The generally accepted definition of what is deemed to be a “bicycle” shall be the definition provided in the Iowa Code and any amendments thereto:

*“Bicycle means either of the following:*

*(1) A device having two wheels and having at least one saddle or seat for the use of a rider which is propelled by human power.*

*(2) A device having two or three wheels with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than seven hundred fifty watts (one horse power), whose maximum speed on a paved level surface, when powered solely by such a motor while ridden, is less than twenty miles per hour.”*

**06.13 MOTORIZED VEHICLES FORBIDDEN.** No motorized vehicles shall be operated on the trail; trail right-of-way; or in the trailhead parks except within the circumstances listed below:

- (a) The vehicle is being operated in said forbidden areas for the purposes of construction; inspection; maintenance or cleanup by an operator duly authorized by the Boone County Conservation Board Director, or a designated representative.
- (b) The vehicle is an authorized emergency vehicle.
- (c) The device is a manually operated or power driven wheelchair as defined in ADA Part 35 (Title II) USC; which would make such a device allowable on the trail.
- (d) The vehicle is an “other power driven mobility device” that is being used by an individual with a mobility disability and that meets the following criteria:
  - 1.) The vehicle is 50 inches wide or less.
  - 2.) The vehicle is not capable of operating at a speed of greater than 20 miles an hour.
  - 3.) The vehicle weighs less than 700 pounds – including the fuel and fluids.
  - 4.) An “other power driven mobility device” may not carry passengers who do not require the use of a mobility device.

**06.14 BRIDGES.** Horses and equines are not allowed on the High Trestle Trail Bridge. Rappelling, bungee jumping, and climbing on any portion of the High Trestle Trail Bridge and Monoliths is strictly forbidden.

**06.15 PARENTS/GUARDIANS RESPONSIBILITY.** Parents or guardians are responsible for their children while on or adjacent to the High Trestle Trail Bridge.

**06.16 LAW ENFORCEMENT.** The Boone County Conservation Board and any law enforcement officer as defined by Iowa Code Section 80B.3 may issue citations and fines for violation of the regulations stipulated within this chapter, or if in violation of any other city, county or state regulation or law. Said law enforcement officers also reserve the right to require suspected violators to leave any trail property.

**06.17 EMERGENCY POWERS.** The Boone County Conservation Board shall reserve the right, to enact at its discretion, whatever emergency rules and/or regulations necessary to ensure the safe and efficient utilization of the trail, trail right-of-way, bridges, and parking areas in times of emergency or natural disaster.