



Public Outings, Docent Only Rides, & Private Mt Bike Outings Docent Policies at Deer Creek Hills 2019

By clearly stating the rules of what is expected at Deer Creek Hills Preserve, the SVC and Mtn. Bike Docents will continue our success together, ultimately benefiting the protection and respect of cattle on property, the historical and natural resources and the guest experience at Deer Creek Hills Preserve.

As any program evolves, policies are required to provide the general public with a comfortable, safe and fun experience at Deer Creek Hills. The standard rules apply to Mt Bike Volunteers:

1. Only Lead Docents can gain access to DCH on their own time, by notifying the Program Coordinator (Saige White) of any plan to access the property. Lead Docent must wait for a confirmation from the Coordinator before accessing. Coordinator will check with Stewardship Manager to make sure there is no conflict with cattle or other work happening on the property.
2. Two trainings per year are required; Docent Training and Risk Management at DCH. Both will be offered by SVC staff.
3. Attending a minimum of 2 public Rides/Events as a Docent, is required (monthly guided events and the Great Scott! Road closure qualify).
4. If a docent volunteers in one or more category, (Equestrian & Mt Biking) two public outings per category are required to stay in good standing as a docent. Example; if you're an Equestrian & Mt Bike Docent, 2 public rides & 2 public rides are required.
5. First Aid & CPR training is required for all active docents. SVC pays for this valuable training.

Following the rules is important to SVC and all other docents in the program. We never want to end relationship with a docent, however the inability to follow rules and meet the standard requirements will result in doing so. We know you all work hard to be available and as much involved as possible, so if you have any questions, concerns or need to meet with us about something that is impacting your ability to volunteer, please let the Program Coordinator know. We are here to support you.

2019 Public Outings

The SVC mission to protect the land and the guest safety and experience comes first when at Deer Creek Hills. As a responsible volunteer, the SVC requires you to support the SVC Program, ensuring the public needs are met by you, when on the property. You are an advocate for our mission and leading by example is the best way to show our guests how having fun in recreation does not have to disturb the care and quality of land stewardship.

Here are a few key points:

1. During an event, docents must follow the even protocol (see Event Protocol).
2. There needs to be at least 3 docents riding with a group at a time (during events). HOWEVER, if there are 4 docents and a need to split the group of riders up into a "Faster," and "Slower," then there can be 2 docents per each group. If we only have 2 docents with a group, there must be a staff member at the corral (generally the Program Coordinator) and docents need to meet beforehand to discuss risk management roles.
3. During the Monday Rides, docents need to check in at the end of day (or before they leave) and give any feedback to Program Coordinator that is note-worthy.

4. During open rides docents are there to have fun and ride it out, however it is also important to represent SVC and help riders if any issues arise on the trail.

2019 Docent Only Mt Bike Rides

As dedicated volunteers, riding at Deer Creek Hills is allowed on days when outings are not offered to the general public, from July through October. It is up to a Lead Docent to organize these rides. Please inform the Program Coordinator of these rides prior to the event (via email with a cc to stewardship manager) and when on and off site (via text message).

2019 Private Mt Bike Events Rules

When hosting a private event, it is the goal of the Mtn. Bike Docent Program to provide cohesive structure, teamwork amongst fellow docents, and uphold all rules that would otherwise be expected during a public event at DCH (which the Program Coordinator will inform you of prior to scheduled event).

Important rules:

1. The Program Coordinator will work with the docents to arrange a private Mtn. Bike Event at Deer Creek Hills. The event cannot happen if there is not communication between all those participating and running the event.
2. If there is a need for an SVC Staff member to be at the event, there will need to be a prearranged fee in order to pay for staff time.
3. If a docent is the primary connection with the outside party that would like to have a biking event at DCH, all communication must go through the Program Coordinator and he/she will flesh out any details with the party (dates, times, etc.)

Private events at DCH require a Lead Docent and/or a Staff Member to attend. Liability forms are needed by every person participating in the event prior to the date.

Thank you for being a part of the awesome SVC Mt. Biking Team!