



# Visitor Guidelines

*Orient Land Trust is a nonprofit land trust dedicated to the preservation of Valley View Hot Springs (VVHS) and its viewshed—  
-including natural and biologic resources, agricultural lands, wildlife habitat, open space, and historic and geologic features of the northern San Luis Valley—  
-for the education and enjoyment of current and future generations.*

Valley View is different than other hot springs, campgrounds, hostels, or nature parks. We ask visitors to take an active role in preserving this open, educational, and affordable recreation experience. Before entering, consider what is expected of you, your group, and other welcomed guests.

**RECOGNITION** ...of your effect on the environment, others near and far, what you can learn, and your role in protecting this place.

**RESPECT** ...the environment, facilities, staff, other guests, their privacy, and the peace and quiet we enjoy here.

**RESPONSIBILITY** ...for yourself, your children, others in your group, and your pets.

**Notice:** Your group may be asked to leave should any posted guideline or restriction be disregarded. Damages and fees will be assessed accordingly.



**No Smoking / Fires** High fire danger and remote location. Current restrictions are posted. **Smoking (including vaporizers) allowed in Smoke Hut or vehicles only.**



**No Glass or Ceramic** Don't bring glass near water, hiking trails, or our bare feet. Shattered pieces are hard to recover and very dangerous. Metal bottles available.\*



**Clothing Optional** We invite healthy, family-friendly naturism / nudity throughout the entire property and open space. Eco-friendly sun protection available.\*



**Gate Closed 10pm to 6am** Lodging ready by 4pm. Please vacate all overnight spaces by 12 noon. May still soak but must be **off-site before 10pm** on departure date.



**Play Nice** Children of all ages discover, play, learn, and grow up here. As you do, be kind and mindful of others **near and far** and the experience you leave them with.



**No Overt Sexuality / Uninvited Advances** Consenting adults must get a room or keep it in tents. Keep all areas kid-friendly and clean. **Pools and sauna are never private.**



**Peace and Quiet** **Moderate alcohol use,** voices, music, and artificial lights. Silence phones, amplified music, and motors. Quiet hours: 10pm until 8am.



**Tread Gently** Do not disturb flagged areas, retaining walls / rocks, water flow, historic sites, trees, or wildlife. Shower with soap before soaking. Pack in / pack out.



**At Your Own Risk** No lifeguard on duty. Natural wilderness area. 8,700' elevation. Beware loose rocks and slippery surfaces. **Emergency call stations shown on map.**



**Learn and Share** Take time to notice your surroundings, yourself, and those around you. Share stories and inspiration. Always listen... especially when sharing.



**Manage Pets** Pets must be **quiet,** peaceful, **always attended,** picked up after\*, and leashed\* well away from ponds. Barking, aggression, or damage cannot be tolerated.



**Kids with Parents** Safety and behavior of children is the sole responsibility of their guardian. Never leave others to watch them. Infant's must use swim diapers, available.\*



**Don't Shoot Strangers** Cap and pack any camera device **away around others** for everyone's comfort. Focus on landscape, wildlife, consenting friends and family only.



**Honor Diversity** Help others feel welcome and comfortable. Respect differences. Discover commonality. Share space, find balance, and let others steer conversations.



**Respect Wildlife** Keep food inside cars or storage cabin. Bears and other animals are drawn by scent endangering us and them. Although generally harmless, avoid contact.

\* Welcome Center (open 24/7, staffed 9am to 10pm) has free **coffee, tea, pet leashes / bags, swim diapers, internet, and library.** Ask about **ice, flashlights, gifts, snacks, non-glass bottles, eco-friendly sun protection, and accommodation openings.** All may use Oak House and Pavilion **kitchens.**

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