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.

RESPONSIBLE ...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.

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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.

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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.

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

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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.

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* 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.

Learn more with OLT’s interpretive tours, brochures, museum, or online at www.olt.org

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