



Trail Safety & Regulations



Trail Information

Safety First

- ◆ Always ride on the right side of the road or trail.
- ◆ If you are walking keep to the left of the trail as you do on the roadway.
- ◆ This trail has a number of blind spots; to avoid collisions and injury it is important to keep to the right of the center line.
- ◆ When coming upon other users advise them of your presence by calling out "I'm passing on your left" (in a loud voice with plenty of time for them to respond). If you have a bell or horn please use it.
- ◆ Always ride in control of your bike especially when going down hill (greenway trails are not appropriate for racing).
- ◆ When stopping let others know what you are doing by calling out "Stopping" and get off the trail so you will not hinder others. (Do not leave your bike on the trail where others could ride into it).
- ◆ During hunting seasons, please wear **orange** or bright colors and make noise while on the trail.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL 911

The trail is marked with mileposts, please be aware of your location when calling 911.

For non-emergency situations, please call the U.S. Forest Service (Grandfather District) at 828-652-2144 or McDowell County at 828-652-7121 Mon- Fri. McDowell County Sherriff non-emergency is 828-652-4000.

Trail Regulations

- ◆ Please carry out all trash; no littering.
- ◆ Trail is closed to motorized vehicles.
- ◆ Dogs should be on leash or be under voice control to avoid collision with other users.
- ◆ Respect other visitors and be courteous; yield to other users on the trail.
- ◆ Do not approach or feed wildlife.
- ◆ Trail is open from dawn until dusk.

Restrooms

Restrooms are not available on the trail. Facility directions are listed below & on map.

Trailhead Parking

Please respect private property. Park only in designated areas or with permission. **Do not block trail gates.**

Parking available at the following locations. From parking areas, follow bike route signs to trailheads (parking & bike routes identified on map):

Old Fort Depot, Old Fort Picnic Ground, Andrews Geyser Park

From Asheville: Right onto U.S. Hwy. 70 toward Old Fort.

Old Fort Depot, continue less than 1 mile and Depot parking is on the right, just before light. **Restrooms**

Old Fort Picnic Ground, at intersection of Hwy 70 and "Old Highway 70," turn left, travel 2.4 miles to Mill Creek Rd, **Old Fort Picnic Ground** on left . Open May - October. **Restrooms**

Andrews Geyser Park, at this point turn right onto Mill Creek Road and travel another 1.2 miles. **No restrooms**

From Hickory/Marion: I-40 to exit #73, turn right onto Catawba Ave. At light, **Old Fort Depot** is on left, turn left onto U.S. Hwy 70 West, parking at end of building on left. **OR** Just before light, turn right onto N. Railroad Street using designated parking area.

Old Fort Picnic Ground continue past Depot, next right turn is "Old" Highway 70, drive 2.4 miles to Mill Creek Rd., turn left into parking area.

Andrews Geyser Park turn right onto Mill Creek Rd, drive another 1.2 miles.

Town of Black Mountain Parking Lot

I-40 exit #64 (Black Mtn/Montreat/Hwy 9); left on Hwy9 (Broadway) toward Black Mountain. Parking lot just south of railroad tracks off of Hwy9. **Restrooms:** Continue on Hwy 9 beyond railroad tracks. Left onto Sutton, right onto Cherry St.-facilities just north of Black Mountain Depot.

Kitsuma Parking Lot

I-40 Exit #66 (Ridgecrest). Right onto "Old 70" and stay there. At stop sign continue straight onto Royal Gorge Road which dead ends at the parking area. **No restrooms**

Point Lookout Trail

McDowell and Buncombe Counties

Trail Boundaries

The Point Lookout Trail on-road between the two gates is owned by McDowell County and the United States Forest Service (via easement in some places). Some lands surrounding the trail are privately owned; please consult the map and be aware of property boundaries (shaded in grey).

PLEASE RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY BOUNDARIES AND STAY ON THE TRAIL IN THOSE AREAS.

Hunting

Please be aware that hunting is allowed on public lands surrounding the trail. For your safety, know when local hunting seasons open and close and always wear orange on the trail during those times of year. For current regulations and dates of hunting seasons please see the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission website:

www.ncwildlife.org/fs_index_04_hunting.htm

Or call the Regulation Enforcement Division at 919-707-0030.

The Code of Federal Regulations (36 261.10 subpart A) states that discharge of firearms or any other implement capable of taking a human life is prohibited within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site or occupied area, or across or on a National Forest system road (Old 70 is considered a National Forest system road).

Please Avoid Train Tracks

Trains cannot stop quickly. A freight train traveling at 30 MPH needs a stopping distance of more than 1/2 mile. For your safety, do not approach train tracks.



