



## Welcome to the Montreat Wilderness

The trails are owned, operated, and protected by Montreat Conference Center, a separate and distinct organization from Montreat College and the Town of Montreat.

The Montreat Wilderness is a protected conservation area in partnership with the Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy and the State of North Carolina. They are open to the public and all are welcome here.

Hiking here is "at your own risk". We encourage everyone to use caution when venturing out of doors. From time to time, we may restrict access to the public for safety reasons or to accommodate our own programming. Enjoy your time and be safe!

*For more information:*  
[www.montreat.org](http://www.montreat.org) | 828.669.2911

### **WILDERNESS FAQ:**

***Are you with a group from another camp or organization, including schools and meetup groups?***

Please register at the front desk of the Assembly Inn before venturing out. *Phone: 828.669.2911*

***Want to support Montreat's wilderness?***

Consider joining the Montreat Trail Club or donating to the Montreat Fund which supports all of Montreat Conference Center's many activities.

[www.montreat.org/give](http://www.montreat.org/give) or [www.montreattrailclub.org](http://www.montreattrailclub.org)

***Want a more in-depth wilderness experience?***

[www.montreat.org/wilderness-school](http://www.montreat.org/wilderness-school)

**PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE TO REVIEW THE RULES  
ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE AND ADHERE TO THEM  
FOR DURATION OF YOUR VISIT.**

# RULES & REGULATIONS

- ♥ **IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, CALL 911.**
- ♥ Montreat's wilderness is a hike at your own risk area. We encourage all visitors to use caution and good judgement.
- ♥ Please obey all signage if you leave the Mountain Retreat Association Wilderness. Our property is adjacent to several different landowners with their own rules.
- ♥ Your pets **MUST** be leashed at all times. This is for the protection of everyone and is a County ordinance.
- ♥ Wilderness trails are for **FOOT TRAVEL ONLY**. Bicycles and horses are prohibited.
- ♥ Bicycles are **ONLY** allowed on Rainbow Road, Appalachian Way, and the old Toll Road.
- ♥ Please step over any erosion control measures, do not go around. Averting erosion measures deteriorates the trails.
- ♥ Stay only on the marked or blazed trails. Do not create new trails, create switchbacks, or stray from the trail.
- ♥ Pack out what you pack in.
- ♥ Camping and open fires are only permitted in the two shelter areas indicated on the map.
- ♥ Do not graffiti or vandalize, make fires inside, or modify the shelters in any way. Shelters are the property of Montreat Conference Center.
- ♥ Please register at the front desk of the Assembly Inn before staying over night in a shelter.
- ♥ Do not harvest, hunt, forage, or collect anything except memories and photographs.
- ♥ Firearms and air-powered guns are not permitted within Mountain Retreat Association Wilderness.