



DAHLGREN RAILROAD HERITAGE TRAIL RULES AND REGULATIONS



The Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail (DRHT) is a 15.7 mile privately owned, volunteer maintained, and government programmed park. With this unique arrangement the rules and regulations applied to the use of this trail address and incorporate private and public concerns and safety measures. Your permitted use is granted on the basis that you are willing to adhere to the rules and regulations of DRHT.

- Hours for trail use are sunrise to sunset unless otherwise permitted in writing by the King George County Department of Parks and Recreation
- To obey all local, state, federal laws and regulations. Restrictions due to eagle nests may be in effect on portions of the trail.
- The carrying and/or use of firearms is prohibited on the trail except by law enforcement officials.
- Observe all "posted" and "no trespassing" signs. The trail is Private Property and adjoins Private Property belonging to others. The private property rights of our neighbors must be respected whether or not their property is posted. There is no access to adjoining property from the DRHT without prior specific permission of the owner of the adjoining property. All users will take care not to enter the LABC (Little Ark Baptist Church) cemetery for any reason.
- Access the trail at designated access points. No access may be had via private subdivision roads unless specific permission has been given by the appropriate owners. Also note that the parking lot at LABC is not for trail use. Trail users are never to use the parking lot(s) of LABC to access the trail.
- Use the trail in a reasonable manner at all times; to avoid disturbing and damaging the trail and property of adjacent DRHT; to prevent damage to all roads and driveways that cross the trail; and to protect and preserve the area's wildlife, plants, and other natural features.
- Dogs must be kept on leashes and must be under control.
- Horses and horseback riding are not permitted on the Trail except during special events. However, please respect the rights of adjoining property owners to have their horses CROSS the trail for access to the other side of their property.
- Collecting railroad memorabilia is strictly forbidden. All ties, spikes, mileposts, etc. are the trail owner's property and may not be removed.
- Pedestrians have the right of way. "Wheels yield to heels". All trail users keep right except to pass.
- No motorized vehicles except power chairs for the disabled, trail maintenance, and public safety (Sheriff's Office, Fire and Rescue, and VDGIF)
- Report any unauthorized use of trail to King George County Parks and Recreation.
- All organized events, activities, fundraisers, postings, signs, and projects must be approved by DRHT Committee. To reach the committee contact KGPR.

Important Numbers:

Emergency – 911

Sheriff's Office (non-emergency) – 540-775-2049

Fire and Rescue (non-emergency) – 540-775-8900

King George County Parks and Recreation – 540-775-4386



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GENERAL TRAIL USE GUIDELINES

- Let someone know where you are, where you parked, and when you are expected back
- Exercise common sense – plan your outing
- Enjoy the trail with another person or with a group
- Bring enough water for your outing. Surface water along the trail are not recommended for consumption
- Carry your DRHT Permit and other identification
- Dress for the weather and take proper protection from sun and insects
- Be aware of your surroundings including plants, wildlife, and private property.
- Practice “Leave No Trace” principles. Please remove your trash with you.
- Do not feed any animals, wild or domestic.

SPECIAL GROUP USE RULES AND REGULATIONS

In addition to the General Trail Use Guidelines and Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail Use Rules and Regulations found on the reverse side, the following also apply to Special Groups:

- Upon completion of your group use, applicant will be responsible for making sure area used is returned in clean condition;
- Campfires will be limited to contained areas. Fires must be extinguished thoroughly before leaving;
- Permitted overnight group camping for educational purposes will be limited to designated area;
- Organizations, groups or individuals are eligible to use the DRHT Trail for recreational and/or educational activities/events for philanthropic, benevolent or charitable purposes, as authorized in writing on official letterhead by stated beneficiary and approved by KGPR or the DRHT Committee; and
- Residents of King George County and/or recognized non-profit charitable, educational, civic, fraternal, or social organizations operating in, or serving, King George County and offering programs to their organizational members and guests or to the residents/guests of King George County; and who do not discriminate on the basis of race color, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, age, sex, marital status, or disability are eligible to use the DRHT Trail; and
- Where no funds may be generated for personal financial gain.
- Where user and event are not associated with the County government and/or School Board, and where publicity will be used, the following statement will be included on advertisements and signs: This activity is not sponsored by, associated with, or endorsed by the King George County Board of Supervisors, King George County School Board or their officers, agents and employees.