

Berry College Policies for Recreational Use by the Public

Berry College welcomes visitors to our beautiful and scenic campus of more than 27,000 acres. We hope that you enjoy touring our historic sites or taking part in recreational activities such as walking, jogging, biking or horseback riding.

Berry College is private property and members of the public who participate in recreational activities must adhere to our policies regarding its use. Our primary mission is to provide incomparable opportunities for our students and campus community. These opportunities include recreational activities, outdoor classroom experiences and research programs. Some enhanced recreational opportunities are available to our students and the campus community that are not provided to the public.

If you enter the Berry College campus, please observe the following policies. Failure to do so may result in fines, law enforcement citations or bans from the property in the future:

GENERAL RULES

- Trails are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.
- Vehicles are to be parked in designated parking spots in parking lots.
- Littering is not permitted. Picking up litter is encouraged!
- Berry College is a substance-free campus that prohibits the use of alcohol, any tobacco product or vapors anywhere, indoors or out, on the campus.
- Pets must be kept on leashes at all times.
- Visitors are expected to respect and protect Berry's extensive wildlife, historical and archaeological sites and research areas.
- Visitors are not allowed in any residence hall unless invited by a resident of that hall.
- Restrooms are available to the public at the Krannert Center, Cage Center and the House O' Dreams.
- The WinShape Retreat buildings on the Berry College mountain campus are private and not available to the public.
- Visitors are prohibited from using items like glitter, confetti or fireworks on the Berry College campus due to the danger to wildlife and possible run-off of debris into our waterways.

RULES FOR ACTIVITIES

- All recreational users (except hunters and horseback riders) should access the Berry property only through the Berry College main entrance. **Hunters refer to the following link <https://georgiawildlife.com/berry-college-wma> and horseback riders see Horseback Section below for specific information.** Entering the property through the main entrance will ensure that visitors have access to the most current information about the campus, including notices and warnings.
- For your safety, recreational use of the property may be limited or curtailed during hunts sponsored by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. The College reserves the right to curtail or limit access at its discretion at other times.

- Recreational use of the property may be limited or curtailed during prescribed burnings.
- Swimming, fishing or public boating is not permitted in any reservoirs, rivers, streams or ponds on campus.
- Visitors should strictly observe any posted signs on trails or roadways, including signs indicating that areas are closed or off-limits.
- Motorized vehicles of any kind (ATVs, UTVs, motorcycles, scooters) are prohibited off-road.
- Visitors are prohibited from using any unauthorized unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) (i.e., drones, motorized helicopters, airplanes)
- Visitors may not camp overnight or have any type of open fire or campfire.
- Berry College students may camp overnight with campfires only at designated Victory Lake campsites and fire pits on Friday and Saturday evenings during the academic year.
- Registered hunters involved in a wildlife hunt may camp overnight with campfires only in designated area(s) on the Berry College Wildlife Management Area (WMA) during certain hunting seasons.
- Designated trails, as indicated on campus maps, must be followed. These maps are available at the main gate and on our website at www.berry.edu/recreation.
- No designated trails, other trails or firebreaks should be disturbed or altered.

Horseback Riding Information

- Horseback riders should access the campus from trailheads located north of the campus on Sand Springs Road and west of the campus on Berry Hill Road. Horseback riders must obtain a permit at no charge through the Gunby Equine Center (706-238-7736). Riders need current vaccination certificates for their horses to obtain a permit or when riding on the trails.
- Horseback riding is allowed only on those trails specifically designed for their use.
- Horses are not permitted in or near the reservoir; they may be watered at Swafford Hollow near the Berry Hill Road Trailhead (as indicated on the Horseback Riding Trail Map).

To request clarification of these policies or to seek special use permits, please contact Chris Kozelle, Director of Public Relations, at 706-236-1716.