Caution - Hazardous Trail Conditions

You may notice pine trees killed by the southern pine beetle outbreak. During the 1990’s fire, drought, and ice weakened these pine trees, making them susceptible to attack. As you hike, beware of broken limbs and damaged trees. Look up while on trails, especially when it's windy. Use caution when selecting a place to camp, picnic or rest. Control your campfire, and make sure it is "dead out" when you leave.

Storing Your Food and Trash in Bear Country

Food and trash storage is mandatory. Unless cooking or eating, store your food inside a hardtop vehicle, the trunk of a car or a bear-resistant container. When camping in the backcountry hang your food at least 10 feet off the ground and four feet away from a tree.

Putting Out Your Campfire

- Keep plenty of water handy and have a shovel for throwing dirt on the fire if it gets out of control.
- Be sure your match is out cold. Break it so you can feel the charred portion before discarding.
- Stir the remains, add more water and stir again. Be sure all burned material has been put out and cooled.
- Feel all materials with your bare hand. Make sure that no roots are burning.
- Drown the fire with water. Make sure all embers, coals and sticks are wet. Move rocks - there may be burning embers underneath.
- Campfires may be banned if wildfires are likely. Watch for signs and obey them.

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