YOU ARE ABOUT TO ENTER A SPECIAL PLACE ...

The 13,426 acre, Black Elk Wilderness is located within the Norbeck Wildlife Preserve. It was designated by Congress in 1980 and was named for the Oglala Sioux spiritual leader — Black Elk.

REGULATIONS:

To protect Wilderness resources ...

• Campfires are not permitted.

• Possession of motorized or mechanical vehicles such as bicycles, wagons, carts or possession of motorized equipment is not permitted. (Wheelchairs are allowed.)

• Camping is not permitted within 1/4-mile of Harney Peak.

• Dogs must be on a leash or under voice control at all times.

• The maximum group size is 25.

If recreational livestock are used:

• Livestock feed and hay must be certified weed-free.

• The maximum group size of people and stock combined cannot exceed 25.

• Restrain livestock at least 100 feet from any water source.

SAFETY:

Wilderness travel involves an inherent degree of risk. Your safety is your responsibility.

• Plan your route, take a map and compass, and let others know your travel plans.

• Carry drinking water and treat wilderness water supplies prior to use.

• Wear proper footwear and take clothing for all weather conditions. The terrain is rocky and weather changes occur quickly.

• Stay off high ridges and peaks during lightning storms!

“Is not the sky a father and the earth a mother, and are not all living things with feet or wings, or roots their children.”

—Black Elk, Oglala Sioux

LEAVE NO TRACE:

Minimize your impact on wilderness ...

Take only pictures
Leave only footprints
Challenge yourself to Leave-No-Trace!

• Travel and camp on durable surfaces, do not cut switchbacks, and camp at least 100 feet from water and trails.

• Dispose of waste properly — Pack out all trash.

• Leave natural and historic items. Avoid damaging trees and plants.

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