

Marshall Mountain Park– Site and Trail Use Rules & Guidelines • August 2, 2021

Missoula Parks & Recreation and Izzy Dog, LLC will officially open Marshall Mountain to the public for the first time in almost 20 years on Thursday, August 12, 2021. **Here are a few essentials for a safe, fun experience when recreating at Marshall Mountain:**

✓ You are recreating on private property; respect property owners and neighbors.

- The Marshall Mountain Base Area Property is owned by the non-profit Izzy Dog, LLC and managed for public use by Parks & Recreation through a short-term lease agreement with an option to purchase the property.
- The site is open to public access due to the generosity of the owners. If users do not follow the posted rules and guidelines, access to the site could be closed.
- It is a privilege to be here, not a right. Please act accordingly. Use the park safely, responsibly and respectfully to preserve future community access. Thanks for your cooperation and support.

✓ Day use only—no overnight camping or parking.

Marshall Canyon Road and the Marshall Mountain Park parking lot are closed to overnight camping and parking. If you see individuals violating this closure, please call 911.

✓ No dogs, please.

Due to the anticipated intense recreational use and the design of the existing trail system, dogs are not allowed on site during the lease period. **Based on community feedback during the upcoming public planning process, dogs may or may not be permitted later.** For now, please enjoy recreating with your pooch pals on the hundreds of miles of shared-use, dog-accessible trails elsewhere within the Missoula Valley.

✓ Watch for trail use and type—some trails are one-way, bikes only.

- Not all users are allowed on every trail (see attached trail map).
- **Single-track trails are designated as bike-specific, one-way travel** due to narrow construction, specialized trail features and history of use as a competitive mountain bike course.
- **Double-track trails are shared-use (hiking/cycling), two-way travel** due to wide construction and moderate grades.
- Follow trail and information signs and observe trail etiquette to reduce user conflict.

✓ Stay on trails, recreate safely.

- Please stay on existing trails and follow posted rules and trail signs to keep yourself and others safe and ensure continued public access. **All buildings are closed.**
- Equipment from the former ski operation may still be on site at the Base area and FVLT Properties. Stay away and report surplus equipment by calling (406) 552-6238.

✓ **The Marshall Mountain project benefits our community:**

1. Continuing the legacy of youth education at Marshall Mountain.
2. Inclusive recreation – to design and build an outdoor recreation space for all Missoulians.
3. Summer and out-of-school programming – to meet the high demand for summer outdoor recreation programming in our community.
4. Community events – the opportunity to build a much-needed dedicated public space to host large outdoor recreational, educational, and commercial events.
5. Habitat protection – opportunities abound for targeted habitat restoration along with teaching responsible recreational principles.
6. Growing population – to help address increasing pressure on public lands by providing an intentionally designed and dedicated space for high-use outdoor recreation opportunities.

✓ **Join us for a community celebration: September 12, from 1 to 4 pm!**

Celebrate public access to Marshall Mountain! Residents can tour the site and learn how to become involved with the planning for the future Marshall Mountain Park. There will be food and beverages, live music, activities for all ages and ability levels, site tours, and a first peek at what is to come for Marshall Mountain.

Marshall Mountain Park Rules*

Keep this area safe, enjoyable, and open to the public by observing the following rules per Missoula Municipal Code 12.40:

1. Open daylight hours only — sunrise to sunset.
2. Overnight camping and parking are not permitted.
3. Recreate at your own risk.
4. Motorized use is not permitted, including e-bikes.
5. Dogs are not allowed at any time.
6. Pick up litter.
7. No hunting.
8. Stay on existing trails. Follow signs and trail use designations.
9. For your safety and the safety of others: do not make any modifications to existing trails, including jumps, ramps, obstacles, etc.
10. Observe trail etiquette, respect other users and neighbors.
11. Leave vegetation, including wildflowers.
12. OTHER PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: campfires, fireworks, drones, and discharging firearms.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY OR TO REPORT VIOLATIONS, CALL 911

Trail Use Guidelines*

Please follow recommended trail use guidelines and posted rules and trail signs to make sure that you and others have an enjoyable and positive recreation experience:

1. Recreate at your own risk.
2. Follow all posted signs, including use designations and one-way trail directions.
3. Be aware of other trail users and announce your pass.
4. **Wheels yield to heels:** bikes always yield to hikers and equestrians.
5. Stay on the trail even when wet or icy.
6. Ride dirt, not mud: if you're leaving tracks, turn back.
7. Uphill traffic always has the right of way.
8. Be safe and enjoy.



THE TRAIL YIELD TRIANGLE INDICATES WHICH USERS YIELD ON SHARED-USE TRAILS

**Marshall Mountain contains two distinct parcels (see attached trail map). The Marshall Mountain base area (approx. 160 acres) and the Marshall Mountain Five Valleys Land Trust Parcel (approx. 160 acres). The rules and guidelines above apply to the Base Area Property only. Five Valleys Land Trust has additional trail and informational signage to explain regulations and allowed uses once you enter the upper parcel.*