



Rules for the Trail

Thank you for helping us take good care of the PWLC – it’s wildlife, flowers, equipment, property, and even each other! Remembering our rules for the trail helps make your visit safe, fun, and educational. Please do your part in making good choices. The same rules at school apply at the PWLC. However, in the outdoor classroom, there are additional things to think about.

PWLC P’s and Q’s for the Trail *(to be on your best behavior in nature)*

Rules	Reasons
1. We walk on the trail (unless given permission by PWLC staff to go off-trail).	We protect animals and plants from disturbance and harm and prevent creation of new paths which fragments habitat. We leave no trace that we traveled here.
2. We walk quietly.	Noise and people sounds scare animals away. When we are quiet, we see, hear, and feel more beauty, mystery, and surprise! We leave no trace that we are here.
3. We pick up litter.	Litter pollutes the PWLC and can harm animals and plants. Carry trash back with you or give it to an adult. Leave no trace that we were here.
4. We are the guests here.	We are guests of animals and plants in their habitat. Be safe, respectful, and treat others as you would have them treat you.
5. We observe wildlife.	If we all try to pick up an animal, it probably will get stepped on. Only PWLC staff picks up animals when safe for us and the animal.
6. We let things grow.	Many animals need plants for their food and shelter. We all want to enjoy the beauty of the prairie, including the kids who visit after you. Leave no trace that we were here.
7. We are scientists together.	We are a team and treat others as we would like to be treated. As naturalists in the field, we use equipment – not toys - to conduct investigations. We all take good care of the equipment and share.
8. We leave candy and gum at home.	No one wants to step on gum, and it can be harmful for animals to eat. Leave no trace that we were here.