

## Berry College Policies for Recreational Use by the Public

Berry College welcomes visitors to our beautiful and scenic campus of more than 26,000 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 mission, first and foremost, 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 choose to 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.

- All recreational users (except horseback riders) should access the Berry property only through the main front gate. **See Horseback Section below for specific information.** Entering the property through the main entrance or trailheads 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.
- No swimming or public boating is permitted in the reservoir on Lavender Mountain.
- Visitors should strictly observe any signs that are posted on trails or roadways, including signs indicating that areas are closed or off-limits.
- Motorized vehicles of any kind (including bicycles and ATVs) are prohibited.
- Alcohol is not permitted on the Berry College campus.
- Camping and overnight use is prohibited.
- Pets must be kept on leashes at all times.
- 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](http://www.berry.edu/recreation).
- No designated trails, other trails or firebreaks should be disturbed or altered.
- Trails are open from dawn to dusk, unless otherwise indicated.
- No littering is permitted. Picking up litter is encouraged!
- Smoking outside of paved or designated areas is not permitted due to the potential for forest or grass fires.
- Visitors are expected to respect and protect Berry's extensive wildlife, historical and archaeological sites and research areas.

## **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 to obtain a permit or when riding on the trails.
- 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 the Office of Public Relations, at 706-236-2226.