Safety Tips

- There is virtually no water along the park’s trail system, this is a desert area and it is advised to carry at least a half gallon of water with each hiker for longer hikes and 32 ounces for shorter ones.
- Good weather footware is important due to steep rocky terrain.
- The weather can change by 30 degrees in minutes, dress appropriately and pack a couple extra layers for emergencies; waterproof clothing is always good to have along.
- Pets are to be kept leashed and under control at all times to avoid conflicts with wildlife and other users.
- Stay on established trails to avoid hazards and private land bordering the park.
- Be aware of park wildlife. There are often black bears and mountain lions and rattlesnakes in the park, please be aware of safety procedures regarding these animals.
- Hiking in groups is advised and always be careful with small children.
- April and May are active times for ticks, be sure to check yourself carefully after a hike during the spring.
- There are other hazards as well due to the ever changing conditions of natural park setting.

Pet Tips

- Be aware of park wildlife. There may be different kinds of animals, with great birding opportunities and the chance to see some of the over 200 different species of wildflowers found in the park. The lower trails feature riparian and prairie habitats and as you move higher you encounter an open juniper/limber pine forest as well as denser douglas fir forest that covers the north facing slopes of the park, providing a much more shaded environment.
- Plese respect the solitude of other visitors. Please be prepared for a variety of conditions and natural park setting.
- Call 911 for any emergency.

Leaves No Trace

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is a partner in Leave No Trace outdoor ethics.

- Plan ahead and prepare before traveling these trails.
- Limit travel to the developed trails and do not cross-cut switchbacks.
- Dispose of waste properly. There are no trash cans along the trails so be sure to pack trash out with you.
- Leave what you find. Leave all plants, animals, rocks and other natural or historic features undisturbed.
- Respect Wildlife. If you come in contact with wildlife while hiking please do not approach or attempt to feed them. Observe them from a distance.
- Be considerate of other Visitors. Please take the experience of other visitors into consideration in regards to your actions on the trail.

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Please consult park staff to gather more information on specific trail conditions, trail difficulty, and route selection. Trail lengths are in miles. Elevation levels are in feet. Portions of trails depicted on this map, which fall outside of the State Park boundary, are on other publically accessible state and federal land. The Caverns entry and exit trails, unless authorized otherwise by park staff, are reserved for visitors who have purchased a caverns tour ticket only. No claims are made to the accuracy of the data or its suitability to a particular use.