

Sanford Springvale Rail Trail Park

Management Policies and Procedures

The linear park is supervised and managed by the Sanford Parks and Recreation Department. It is also part of the Sanford-Springvale City trail system.

1. No motorized vehicles are allowed except E-Bikes, motorized wheel-chairs, and from December 1st to April 1st of each year, snowmobiles. Snowmobile access during this period is contingent on snow cover.
 - a. The Parks and Recreation Department may grant specific exceptions.
2. Gates must be kept clear for maintenance and emergency access.
 - a. The Police and Fire Departments may access at any time as needed.
3. Partying, rowdy gatherings, consuming alcoholic beverages, and smoking are not allowed on the trail or in trailhead parking areas.
4. Fires are prohibited.
5. Firearms must follow Maine State Law within the width of the Right of Way.
 - a. §11208. Unlawful shooting or discharge of firearm or archery equipment
 - i. 1. Shooting or discharge of firearm or archery equipment over or near public paved way. A person may not:
 - ii. A. Shoot at any wild animal or wild bird from any public paved way or within 10 feet of the edge of the pavement of the public paved way or from within the right-of-way of any controlled access highway; [PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]
 - iii. B. Discharge any firearm or archery equipment over a public paved way; or [PL 2023, c. 239, §20 (AMD).]
 - iv. C. Possess any wild animal or wild bird taken in violation of paragraph A or B, except as otherwise provided in this Part. [PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]
6. This linear park is carry in carry out. Please respect the linear park by keeping it clean and picking up and removing dog waste and trash.
7. Access points to the park are only those authorized by the Parks and Recreation Department.
8. Land owners with abutting property on both sides of the linear park, or by land owner permission, may cross with motorized vehicles.
 - a. They must let the Parks and Recreation Department know and request approval.
 - b. They must maintain the trail in good condition and after work is complete, make the trail in the same condition or better, prior to the work they did.
 - c. If trees are cut on City property, they must replant at least however many trees they cut.
9. The linear park and trailheads, remain closed from 11:00pm to 5:30am.
 - a. Parking overnight at the trailhead must be requested through the Parks and Recreation Department.