

The Trailhead Agreement

A one-page plan for a day walk together. Complete before you go. Use current official trail alerts and weather; this sheet is not a replacement for the Ten Essentials, local guidance or an emergency plan.

OFFICIAL ROUTE NAME + MANAGING AGENCY _____	FULL ROUND-TRIP DISTANCE / GRADE / SURFACE _____
START TIME + PLANNED TURNAROUND _____	RETURN ETA + TRANSPORT / PARKING _____

THREE GATES: CHECK AGAIN AT THE TRAILHEAD

01 CONDITIONS Current land-manager notices, trail access, forecast, daylight, thunder, heat and local hazards checked? _____	02 PEOPLE Route comfortable for everyone today? Appropriate footwear, food/water, navigation and essentials? _____	03 RETURN Turnaround time, shared route, regroup rule and an off-trail check-in contact established? _____
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Our rule

Any one of us can ask to turn back. We do not vote someone into pushing farther. We choose a safe alternative or another date if conditions change.

OFF-TRAIL CONTACT + HOW/WHEN THEY SHOULD ACT IF OVERDUE _____ _____	SAFER SHORTER ROUTE OR POSTPONED-DAY ALTERNATIVE _____ _____
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