

## **HMT Trail Talk- March 2021: Safely Experiencing the Trails during COVID-19**

Rider Instructions when Visiting the Hatfield-McCoy Trail System during the COVID-19 Crisis.

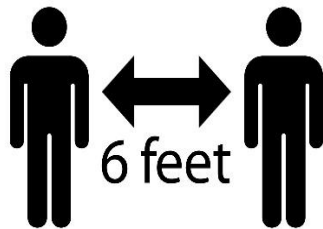
The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has altered our lives in many ways since it began in March 2020. From how we socialize with friends and family to dining, shopping, and even the basic behaviors whenever we step outside our front doors – things are different now. And the Hatfield-McCoy Trail System has had to adapt our own practices to ensure the safety of our riders.

It is important that everyone stays safe and healthy so that the Trails and local businesses can continue to operate and move forward. Ignoring these precautionary measures may result in closing the Trails for an extended period. When visiting our local businesses and communities, please remember to wear appropriate face coverings, practice social distancing, wash your hands often, and follow the CDC recommendations and guidelines.

### **West Virginia COVID-19 Guidelines from Governors Office Order**

While the trails offer outdoor recreation opportunities for both in-state and out-of-state visitors, it is important to maintain proper physical distancing and safety precautions, even while out on the trails. The following guidance has been issued to ensure riders remain as safe as possible.

- PPE: Riders are encouraged to wear appropriate face coverings or face shields while stopped. All riders, by law, must wear a helmet while riding.
- Self-screening: Riders are encouraged to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms with the following questions:
  - Have you been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19?
  - Are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath or sore throat?
  - Have you had a fever within the last 48 hours?
  - Have you had new loss of taste or smell?
  - Have you had vomiting or diarrhea with in the last 48 hours?
- Temperature checks: Riders are encouraged to take their temperatures prior to arriving at the trails. If their temperature measures over 100 degrees, the riders are not permitted to enter the trails.
- Sick riders: Any rider or visitor who exhibits COVID-19 symptoms (i.e., answers yes to any of the screening questions or who is running a fever) must leave the trails immediately and seek medical care and/or COVID-19 testing, per CDC guidelines.
- Limit groups: Riders are prohibited from congregating on the trails.
- Physical distancing: Practice proper social distancing, minimum of six feet where practical and safe to do so.
- Shared vehicles: Riders are discouraged from sharing a UTV, ATV or off-road dirt bike with anyone outside their immediate group or party.
- Shared equipment: Riders are discouraged from sharing safety equipment or appropriate face coverings.



#### **Hatfield-McCoy Trails Facility Information:**

All Hatfield-McCoy Trails trailhead facilities, Visitor Center and Welcome Center are now open. HMT Trail Permits are available for purchase at ALL 11 HMT facility locations. Currently, HMT merchandise is only available for purchase at the following locations: Cabwaylingo Trailhead, Country Roads Visitor Center, Hatfield-McCoy Welcome Center, Ivy Branch Trailhead, Pinnacle Creek Trailhead and Pocahontas Trailhead. Below are the details for each location:

- Bearwallow Trailhead** – Open 9:00am to 2:00pm, No guests permitted inside building
- Buffalo Mountain Trailhead** – Open 9:00am to 2:00pm, No guests permitted inside building
- Cabwaylingo Trailhead** – Open 9:00am to 5:00pm, Maximum of 4 guests permitted inside
- Country Roads Visitors Center** – Open 9:00am to 5:00pm, Maximum of 4 guests permitted inside
- Devil Anse Trailhead** – Open 9:00am to 2:00pm, No guests permitted inside building
- Hatfield McCoy Welcome Center** – Open 9:00am to 5:00pm, Maximum of 4 guests permitted inside
- Ivy Branch Trailhead** – Open 9:00am to 2:00pm, Maximum of 4 guests permitted inside
- Pinnacle Creek Trailhead** – Open 9:00am to 2:00pm, Maximum of 4 guests permitted inside
- Pocahontas Trailhead** – Open 9:00am to 5:00pm, Maximum of 4 guests permitted inside
- Rockhouse Trailhead** – Open 9:00am to 2:00pm, No guests permitted inside building
- Warrior Trailhead** – Open 9:00am to 2:00pm, No guests permitted inside building