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Hunter Access Permits

City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Department will review permit requests to cross Bobcat Ridge and Gateway Natural Areas for access to adjacent public lands during the spring turkey season (Bobcat Ridge) and big game season (Gateway), as established by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

- The permit will be limited to non-motorized access across the natural area (including e-bikes). Requests for vehicle access through a natural area will be denied.
- Duration of the access and parking is restricted to the established hours of operation.
- Requests for access before opening, after closing, or overnight parking will be denied.
- Access across Gateway Natural Area with unloaded, open-chambered weapons may be issued September 1 through May 15 (only during Colorado Parks and Wildlife's licensed hunting season).
- Big game hunting permits will not be granted at Bobcat Ridge Natural Area because there are alternative access points.
- Turkey hunting access through Bobcat Ridge Natural Area will be permitted only when Forest Service Road 153/Bar D Ranch Road is closed, leaving Bobcat Ridge as the only access point.
- Access is not permitted when the natural area is closed, even if a permit has been granted.
- Natural Areas retains the authority to limit the number of hunting access permits.
- Permits will be reviewed on a first come, first-serve basis.
- Review takes up to 15 business days.