Thanks you Fort Collins and Larimer County voters!
Your citizen-initiated sales tax dollars conserves natural areas and provides visitor services.

THE PERMIT PROCESS
Section 23–194 of the Fort Collins Municipal Code defines a process where a person or organization may submit a request to conduct activities within a natural area that are prohibited.

Examples of typical permit requests include:
• permission for students to conduct research activities
• requests to be in a natural area during closed periods
• requests for group activities in which more than fifteen individuals are involved.

Applications for a permit are available at fcgov.com/naturalareas/plans-policies or call 416-2815 to request a hard copy. To discuss the details of your request call 970-221-6281.

Please be sure your application is filled out completely and accurately. Allow five business days for processing. Also note that more extensive requests may require additional permits from other City departments such as police, fire, forestry or parks, which may require additional review time.
SEC. 23-193 (A) IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL TO:

Discard, dispose or release any waste or hazardous substance of any kind in a natural area or in a manner reasonably likely to result in the entrance of such waste or hazardous substance into or upon a natural area, except for the disposal of incidental trash in receptacles provided by the City for disposal of trash.

Bring any glass container into a natural area or possess the same while in any natural area except when removing containers during site clean-up activities sponsored or permitted by the city.

Bathe or wash any persons or objects in any waters of a natural area, or otherwise in any manner reasonably likely to result in the release of any waste or hazardous substance into any waters of a natural area.

Drive, hit or throw golf balls into or upon a natural area.

Fly a kite within a natural area.

Kick, hit or throw a flying disc, ball or boomerang in, onto or over a natural area, except within a fenced area designated and posted to allow dogs off-leash.

Operate a motorized model boat, car, truck, aircraft or other motorized model vehicle in a natural area.

Launch a model rocket in, onto or over a natural area.

Bicycle, skateboard or skate (in-line or otherwise) in a natural area, except upon a roadway or designated trail.

Ride a horse in a natural area, other than on or within ten (10) feet of a designated trail, except when a horse be ridden beyond this ten-foot limit brieﬂy to avoid imminent danger to other persons.

Sled, snow tube, downhill ski or snowboard in a natural area.

Swim, wade or otherwise enter into any waters of a natural area, or allow any pet animal or any riding or pack animal to do so.

Climb rocks or boulders with or without ropes, ﬁxtures, or other apparatus.

Operate or park a motor vehicle or other motorized means of conveyance in a natural area.

Operate a motorized boat, other than one with a wakeless, electronic trolling motor in a natural area.

Land or launch in a natural area, or ﬂy lower than ﬁve hundred (500) feet above a natural area, any type of aircraft, including hot air balloons and hang gliders, except within takeoff or landing airways of a commercial airport or in emergency situations.

Remove, disturb, or damage any archaeological, geological or paleontological materials from a natural area.

Collect seeds, plants or cuttings of trees, shrubs, vines, grasses, wildﬂowers or other plants in a natural area, or otherwise remove the same from a natural area.

Plant trees, shrubs, vines, grasses, wildﬂowers or other plants in a natural area.

Construct a structure in a natural area.

Build a campﬁre, bonﬁre or other ﬁre in a natural area.

Allow livestock to graze in a natural area.

Deposit rocks, wood, dirt or any other material in a natural area.

Commercial gain in a natural area.

Conduct or sponsor a group event in a natural area.

Perform a service for commercial gain or sell or offer to sell any item for commercial gain in a natural area.

Deposit rocks, wood, dirt or any other material in a natural area.

Release or otherwise introduce into a natural area an insect, bird or other animal.

Deposit or scatter in a natural area created remains of any human or animal origin.

Operate or park a motor vehicle or other motorized means of conveyance anywhere in a natural area other than on established roadways and in designated parking areas; provided, however, that a motorized wheelchair or similar assistive device may be used by any person with temporary or permanent mobility impairment, anywhere in a natural area that public access is allowed.

Camp in a natural area.

Possess in a natural area any gun, pistol, crossbow, bow and arrow, slingshot or other ﬁrearm or weapon whatsoever, including BB guns, or pellet, or paintball guns except as permitted by a city-issued or other lawfully issued permit.

SEC. 23-193 (D) EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED BY A PERMIT OBTAINED FOR SUCH USE FROM THE SERVICE AREA, IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL TO:

Enter a natural area during the hours of 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., except:

a. as otherwise permitted by a sign posted by the Service Area opening or closing the particular area or a portion of the area for public use for a speciﬁed time or during speciﬁed hours; or

b. as a recognized participant in a city-sponsored or permitted event in a natural area.

Operate a motorized boat, other than one with a wakeless, electronic trolling motor in a natural area.

SEC. 23-193 (B) UNLESS A SIGN HAS BEEN POSTED BY THE SERVICE AREA THAT THE PARTICULAR NATURAL AREA OR A PORTION THEREOF IS OPEN FOR SUCH USE, IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL TO:

SEC. 23-193 (C) IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL TO:

Enter upon the ice of any waters of a natural area.

Swim, wade or otherwise enter into any waters of a natural area, or allow any pet animal or any riding or pack animal to do so.

Sled, snow tube, downhill ski or snowboard in a natural area.

Operate a motorized boat, other than one with a wakeless, electronic trolling motor in a natural area.

Fail to comply with any posted yield, right-of-way or other trail use requirement on a trail subject to the provisions of this Article.

Collect seeds, plants or cuttings of trees, shrubs, vines, grasses, wildflowers or other plants in a natural area, or otherwise remove the same from a natural area.

Plant trees, shrubs, vines, grasses, wildflowers or other plants in a natural area.

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