

## A WORD ABOUT TRAIL CLOSURES

Trail closures apply to hikers, runners, and bikers – ALL TRAIL USERS

The trails are generally closed for about 24 hours after rain, and may be closed longer after large rainfall events, during prolonged periods of wet weather, or when problem areas have developed.

The trails are closed when material portions of the trails are wet enough that normal usage would turn nice, firm, compacted trail into a mushy, muddy mess. When we lose compaction and start getting tire ruts and footprints (which hold water), the trail stays wet and soft longer, causing more loss of compaction, footprints, and tire ruts. This ultimately results in a really soft and muddy section of trail that lingers and lingers after the rest of the trail is dry and firm.

We want to hike/run/ride just as badly as you do. We promise. The trails will be open as much as possible. Please remember that using wet trails is disrespectful of all the volunteer hours and donations that went into creating the trails and continue to go into maintaining them.