

Bike Rental Information for River Bend Nature Center Visitors

River Bend Nature Center (RBNC) maintains a fleet of mountain bikes that are available for public rental. General information on the fleet and rules of use are outlined below. Prior to use of any bike, an adult will be required to sign a separate rental agreement and waiver of responsibility.

About the bikes and equipment:

- Sixteen mountain bikes with wide knobby tires suitable for smooth and dirt trail riding.
- Bikes range in size and are appropriate for children and adults between 4'3" and 6'1".
- Helmets are issued with each bike and should be worn by the rider at all times that the bike is in use.
- Water bottle holders are mounted on adult bikes.
- Locks are available for use.
- A bike maintenance station is located outside of RBNC Interpretive Center for public use.

General rental guidelines:

- Bikes may be rented from the RBNC Interpretive Center between 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Last rental will be at 2:00 p.m.
- Cost for general public bike rental is \$25.00 per day or any portion of it. RBNC members receive a discounted rate of \$15.00 per day. Late returns will incur an additional daily charge. A discounted rate is available for rental of the entire fleet.
- Reservations are highly recommended to confirm availability. A credit card reservation deposit of \$15.00 is required and will be applied toward the overall rental cost. Cancellation of a reservation must be made 48 hours in advance for a full refund. Reservations cancelled less than 48 hours in advance will incur a one day rental charge. No show reservations will be charged in full. Refunds due to weather or trail conditions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- An adult aged 18 or older must provide photo identification and credit card, must sign the rental and waiver agreement, and must accompany under-aged bicyclists at all times that the bikes are in use.
- Payment will be made in full at the time of bike return.
- Each rider must be registered on the rental and waiver agreement. Only registered individuals are allowed to use the equipment.
- Riders will be fitted with an appropriately sized bike and helmet at the time of rental.
- RBNC reserves the right to refuse rental for discretionary purposes.

Rules of use:

- Renters must use caution to protect all equipment and its component parts from damage, loss, or theft. No modifications of or additions to the equipment are permitted. In case of damage, loss, theft, or modification, RBNC will charge the renter full cost of the item at market price.
- Bikes are not allowed off-trail. Off-trail biking encourages erosion and the spread of invasive species.
- All riders must wear a properly sized helmet, securely attached to the head at all times while riding the rental bike.
- Closed-toe shoes that snugly fit the feet are required for a safe experience. Flip flops or other loose fitting footwear can cause accidents.
- At least one member of the rental party should carry a cell phone and RBNC trail map. In case of an emergency, call 911. RBNC staff can be reached at 507-332-7151. Please report any adverse incident to RBNC as soon as possible. Incident report forms are available at the Interpretive Center.
- Follow all RBNC traffic and trail guidelines and share the trail. Ride at a safe speed and respect other trail users, giving pedestrians the right-of-way, especially when they have dogs, strollers, or young children.
- In case of sudden threatening weather or other dangerous conditions, return the bikes to the Interpretive Center as soon as possible.
- Return all equipment to RBNC by 3:00 p.m. for no additional charges to be incurred.
- RBNC reserves the right to recover rental equipment for any infraction with no refund due to the renter.