

Updated SMHC Hiking Guidelines During COVID

1. One hike leader will serve as pre-registration contact, with e-mail and phone # available in the write-up. Pre-registration is still required for all hikes.
2. **Group size may now be up to 20.** Higher numbers of registrants should be split into 2 groups.
3. **Meet-up locations with carpooling to the trailhead, shuttles and key swaps are acceptable.** Hikers may still choose to drive to the trailhead independently, depending on their comfort level.
4. **Unvaccinated individuals should wear a mask for carpooling, shuttles or key swaps, and at crowded trailheads. Masks are not required for fully vaccinated people. In the GRSM NP, people that are unmasked are assumed to be fully vaccinated.**
5. Hikers must sign a release form, with accurate contact information.
6. Inform hikers if anyone becomes ill with in a few days of the event, with symptoms concerning for COVID-19, to contact the hike leader immediately. (In addition to the usual pre-hike info). For regular pre-hike prep, see <http://www.smhclub.org/outingpreparation.htm>.
7. All participants should have hand sanitizer or wipes.
8. If leader(s) or any participant feels sick, please stay at home.
9. If leader(s) need to alter planned activity, please contact an SMHC Board member ASAP to discuss proposed changes.
10. Guidelines for A.T. maintainers will have to reconciled with the National Park, National Forest and ATC, particularly in regards to group size. More information to follow.