

Hiking and Backpacking Rules

General

The hiking committee will set up the date and times for all official hikes and will provide maps or directions to the trailhead. Hikes will begin promptly at the stated time.

Handler

There will be a maximum of 2 dogs per handler. The handler must have complete control of all dogs at all times. Handlers may, in advance, arrange for another member to handle *one* of their dogs.

Handlers are responsible for the behavior of their dogs. The GSDC officers or hike chairman may limit the number of dogs a specific handler may handle based on previous events.

A member must be 10 years old or older and accompanied by an adult member to be considered a handler for a hike and must show control over his/her dog. Handlers under the age of 18 are limited to one dog. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the president or hike committee chairman

At no time will dogs be allowed off leash unless crated.

Visitors/Guests

Non-members must show proof of vaccination and are limited to 1 dog per handler.

Weather

No hike will begin if the temperature is over 70 degrees. The hike committee chairman has the power to call off a hike due to weather and will supply a cell phone number to participants.

Members required

There is no minimum number of members required for a hike to be an official club event.

Equipment

One member of the hike committee is responsible for carrying a First aid kit.

All dogs shall be on 6 foot leash

Handlers are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs. Poop shall be bagged and carried out or buried off the trail.

Backpacking

All hike rules pertaining to backpacking including the following:

Backpackers must adhere to the Backpack Title rules of the GSDC

If a member is to use a GSDC hike towards a title, the member must arrange with the hiking committee ahead of time for equipment checks prior to the hike.