



Winter Evening Access

Visiting undeveloped open spaces after sunset offers the adventurer unique experiences and perspectives: colors diminish to shades of light and dark, distances become indefinite.

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Permit Required

NIGHT TIME USE IS BY PERMIT ONLY AND LIMITED TO 65 INDIVIDUALS PER DAY.

Available at slonighthikepermit.info. A permit is required between 1 hour after sunset until 8:30pm when daylight savings is not in effect (Nov–March).

Usage:



Hiking



Biking

Get a Permit:

Scan QR Code on the right to your mobile device and follow the steps to get a permit.



Night Hiking & Biking Tips

- ✓ Carry flashlight AND extra batteries.
- ✓ Be familiar with the trail AND carry an open space map. Remember most daytime landmarks and reference points are no longer visible.
- ✓ Be respectful of the nighttime wildlife; **do not disturb**. Pass quietly and listen for nocturnal sounds not normally heard during daytime hours.

Barred Owl (*Strix varia*)



This is the time when the heat of the day cools. This is also the time when abundant wildlife, normally reclusive during the daylight hours, begin to appear. Rodents emerge to forage and owls stalk them as prey. Bats feed on flying insects, scorpions and crickets. Raccoons wander looking for anything they can eat.

*As you travel the trails, keep your attention focused on the nocturnal; from the night sky to the glimpse of glowing eyes that may shine in your light, **always** remember that you are merely a visitor in this sometimes-eerie dark world.*

Additional Standard Rules:

- Dogs on leash • Bag your dog's waste
- NO** smoking • **NO** fires
- NO** camping • **NO** littering
- NO** amplified sound

Pallid Bat (*Antrozous pallidus*)



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“For my part I know nothing with any certainty, but the sight of the stars makes me dream.”

– VINCENT VAN GOGH



For more information on the Pilot Program for Winter Open Space Hours of Use please visit www.slocity.org or call (805) 781-7300. In case of emergency dial 911.