

The Frontera Land Alliance's Wakeem/Teschner Nature Preserve Use Policy

The Frontera Land Alliance is a local, nationally-accredited, nonprofit conservation organization dedicated to protect—forever—natural areas, working farms and ranches, water and wildlife for future generations in the west Texas and southern New Mexico region of the Chihuahuan Desert. Frontera promotes and facilitates balance in prudent approaches to ensuring the sustainability of our natural assets.

The Wakeem/Teschner Nature Preserve was established as a refuge for plant and animal species within an urban area of El Paso. People are invited to enjoy this natural area for walking and nature observation. Please stay on maintained trails to avoid detrimental impacts to the local ecology. Some trails may be closed or re-routed to protect sensitive habitats.

Uses Allowed with Prior Permission - The following activities require advance written permission. Please call 915-351-8352 or contact janae@fronteralandalliance.org to find out how to obtain permission.

Research and Field Study – Individuals from educational, research, academic, governmental or other recognized institutions can conduct non-destructive field study and research with prior written permission.

1. *Submit Request stating:* Non-invasive sampling. Purpose of research, how will use the land (impact), time frame, number of times to access the site, who will oversee research at the site, will you be taking anything from the land, leaving anything on the land. Other details to help the Frontera Board of Directors make a decision.

For each research project we request the following:

1. Copy of the final report.
2. Copies of any publications resulting from or including work done in the preserve.

Educational Programs and Field Trips – Organizations and school groups may use for environmental programs and educational field trips. Interested parties larger than 12 people should contact the Frontera office.

Geocaching – Placing of geocaches is generally discouraged because of the disturbance to areas off-trail. Geocaches are considered on a case-by-case basis and must be approved by the Frontera Board before being placed in a location and manner that avoids disturbance or alteration to any significant natural feature or area of ecological concern. Any geocaches placed in the Preserve or listed on the geocaching website without Frontera permission will be removed.

Vehicles – All vehicles (motorized, peddled or otherwise) are prohibited. Exceptions include emergency vehicles or utility companies accessing their infrastructures.

Prohibited: Camping, Fires, Feeding of Wildlife, Trapping, Baiting, Shelters, Dogs off leash, Collecting, Hunting and Fishing.