

## Message to our CLC Community Regarding Public Conservation Areas

As of March 27, 2020

Public enjoyment of our conservation areas is important to the mission of CLC. It is our hope that they can provide a special source of renewal in this anxious time. We may not be able to keep them open, however, unless everyone follows the guidelines and practices that have been established to reduce the spread of the coronavirus. We urge all conservation area users to comply with the guidance and protocols that have been publicized, including stay at home restrictions and guidelines issued by CDC. Specifically, ***please do not use CLC conservation areas if you are exhibiting symptoms.*** You can access the full guidance of CDC [here](#).

We offer the following common-sense guidelines for all your outdoor visits:

- If you are medically vulnerable or not feeling well, **stay home**.
- Avoid high-traffic destinations.
- Avoid crowds; conduct your outings solo or with other members of your household. If you are with a friend, maintain an appropriate distance.
- Maintain at least a 6-foot distance between yourself and others. Be prepared to step aside, and let people know you are near if they can't see you.
- Be ready to step aside or move quickly through areas where people congregate such as parking lots and trailheads. If you arrive at a location and there are more than a handful of cars in the parking lot, consider coming back another time or going to another entrance or another property.

Because CLC is concerned about the safety of our stewardship staff at this time, you may find the trails in rougher shape than usual. Please let us know of any maintenance or safety issues you discover on CLC properties, by emailing [info@clctrust.org](mailto:info@clctrust.org)

To prevent the spread of COVID-19 we must do everything we can to stay isolated from one another. We very much hope this can be done without closing our trails, but if we learn that crowds are forming and it is impossible to maintain good distance on any of our trails or properties, we may feel compelled to close them in the coming days. We hope not.

We hope, instead, that we will all emerge from this challenging episode with a renewed sense of community and of the restorative power of the natural world.