

Entering Burned Areas

What You Need to Know

There are inherent risks when recreating. Risks are higher in areas where fire has recently burned. On the Gorge's steep slopes, the risks are even greater.



Risks Include:

- Falling snags (dead trees)
- Falling limbs from standing trees
- Stump holes
- Difficulty navigating trails obscured by downed trees
- Unstable ground due to burned root systems
- Falling rocks from unstable slopes
- Debris flows
- Landslides

Know When NOT To Go:

- If high or gusty winds are forecasted, DON'T GO INTO A BURNED AREA.
- If wind picks up while in an area, LEAVE IMMEDIATELY.
- If trail signs are missing, know your comfort level navigating the area. TURN BACK IF NECESSARY.
- If visiting during a winter or rain storm event, BE AWARE OF A HEIGHTENED RISK OF MOVING EARTH.
- If unsure of recreation site status, CHECK CONDITIONS BEFORE YOU GO.

Be Alert



YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR SAFETY:

- SCAN** for overhead hazards.
- LISTEN** for falling trees, limbs, and rocks.
- WATCH OUT** for increased stream flows.
- STAY** on established trails.
- LEAVE** when windy.
- STAY OUT** of closed areas.

