

## PEDESTRIAN/HIKER/SNOWHOE CODE

You are responsible for yourself, so be prepared to:

1. **Carry the hikers' essentials**, e.g., water, snack, protection from the elements. Understand the terrain, conditions, local weather and your equipment before you start.
2. **Notify someone of your plans**. Tell someone where you are going, the trails you are hiking, when you will return and your emergency plans.
3. **Stay together**. When you start as a group, hike as a group, end as a group. Pace your hike to the slowest person.
4. **Turn back**. Weather changes quickly in the mountains. Fatigue and unexpected conditions can also affect your hike. Know your limitations and when to postpone your hike. The mountains will be there another day.
5. **Respond to an emergency**. Even if you are headed out for just an hour, an injury, severe weather or a wrong turn could become life threatening. Don't assume you will be rescued; know how to rescue yourself.
6. **Leave no trace**. Carry out trash and bury human and/or pet waste. Remember, a muddy trail is a closed trail.
7. **Respect wildlife closures**. Mud Springs and Village to Village Trails are open July 1 to April 1. Trails are closed for elk calving April 1 to July 1.
8. **Cresta Road Caution**. Use caution on Cresta Road. Observe the pedestrian/hiker symbols painted in the roadway for proper side of the road.

**KNOW THE CODE: IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.**