

**Arch Cape Domestic Water Supply District
Board of Directors Policies
Policy # 2024-0620 FW (Adopted)**

Public Access & Recreation

The Arch Cape Forest is a resource of the Arch Cape Water District. Its intended purpose is protecting the quality and quantity of the Community's drinking water which finds its source in the watershed and streams through it. Towards that end, the District would like to keep to a minimum the vehicular, bicycle and foot traffic that may threaten the environment and its water.

This Public Access & Recreation Policy balances the objective of protecting the source water with the contractual requirement to provide some level of public access and recreation. Not promoting / publicizing the Forest as a recreational site or destination and not allowing for vehicular site visits / tours will allow the District to strike this balance.

Outlined below are the specific public access and recreation policies of the Arch Cape Water District.

Public Access

- Public access into the Arch Cape Forest, only by foot or bicycle, is via the Hug Point Road gate or through adjacent properties with public access.
- Public access is permitted one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.
- Expect closures during fire season and when forest management operations are taking place in an area.
- "Pack it in, pack it out." All materials, trash & waste (including human solid waste) must not remain on the property, in accordance with a "Leave No Trace" principle.
- Motorized vehicles, to include but not limited to trucks, cars, motorcycles, and E-bikes, are not allowed except for emergencies or for Arch Cape Water District business with permission from the Arch Cape Water District Manager. Motorized access to maintain the Onion Peak Repeater radio site is allowed with permission from the Arch Cape Water District Manager.

Allowed Activities

- Hikers and bicycles must stay on maintained, rocked roads. No off-road use. No creating new trails.
- Non-motorized hunting is allowed for Deer and Elk in the Arch Cape Forest consistent with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) regulations.
- Dogs are allowed in the Arch Cape Forest on-leash or under direct owner control. Removal of Dog waste is required.

Prohibited Activities

- Fire and fireworks.
- Horses
- Drones
- Camping
- Alcohol/drug use or possession