



# Laverlea Preserve | Land Management Plan

## Part V: Terms of Use, Rules & Regulations

### Introduction

In order to achieve the goals set forth in this management plan, the Trust has established the following rules, regulations, and terms for how Laverlea may be used, by whom, and under what circumstances. They are intended to protect Laverlea's conservation values, all Laverlea visitors, and the Trust, its employees, officers, volunteers, and others affiliated with the organization.

### Rules & Regulations

These Rules & Regulations apply to everyone: Board and Staff, Volunteers, Partners, Contractors, Lessees, Attendees, and Members of the Public. **By visiting Laverlea, visitors agree to follow the Rules & Regulations at all times and to do their part to protect and preserve Laverlea's natural, cultural, and community resources.** Visitors must conduct themselves in a lawful and respectful manner. The Trust reserves the right to expel anyone who does not abide by the Rules & Regulations or who conducts themselves inappropriately. Visitors must return the property as they found it. Violators may be charged damages and/or prosecuted as applicable.

**Artificial Noise Levels** – Radios, televisions, musical instruments, and all other noise-making devices are permitted only in the House and Garden & Grounds zones, and must be kept at a low volume at all times, except with advance written permission from the Trust. All noise-making devices must be silenced from 10pm to 8am.

**Collecting & Defacing** – All wildlife, plant life, minerals, artifacts, natural, and man-made features are protected and may not be disturbed or removed without written permission by the Trust. Painting, carving, or vandalizing rocks, structures, or natural resources is not allowed. The use of metal detecting equipment is prohibited, except with advance written permission.

**Drones** – Drone operation is prohibited on Laverlea except with advance written permission from the Trust. Visitors wishing to operate a drone must provide details on the nature of the project, the specific location(s) and time(s) requested for filming, and the FAA drone registration information in advance. Drone operators must also sign the Trust's waiver, lease agreements and, where applicable, carry the appropriate liability insurance. Drones may not be operated in a way that disturbs visitors or wildlife, or threatens Laverlea's conservation values.

**Fires & Campfires** – Fires, either opened or contained, are not permitted on Laverlea without advance written permission by the Trust. All campfires must be kept in designated areas such as a fire ring and never left unattended. Controlled burns executed by a GA Forestry-certified



prescribed burner must be approved in writing by the Trust, pursuant to a pre-approved forest management plan, and be conducted according to all local, State, and Federal regulations.

**General Safety** – For the safety of all visitors and employees, as well as the health of the trees, **screwing and/or nailing any metal objects into or onto trees is STRICTLY prohibited.** Doing so is cause for immediate expulsion with no refund, and may result in a ban from the property.

**Hunting & Fishing** – Hunting, fishing, and trapping is prohibited on Laverlea except with advance written permission from the Trust.

**Motor Vehicles & Golf Carts** – All vehicles, including golf carts and ATVs, are prohibited outside of the driveway and designated parking areas, except for Trust-authorized vehicles.

**Pets** – All pets must remain on a leash and be accompanied by their owner(s) at all times, unless authorized by the Trust – an example of which might be a trained livestock or hunting dog who is currently performing his/her trained task. Pets are not allowed inside the House at any time, and may not be left unattended. Owners must clean up after their pets and dispose of their waste appropriately. Visitors may be asked to leave and/or their pets prohibited from visiting Laverlea if their pets disturb or become aggressive toward other visitors or wildlife.

**Service Animals** – Service animals must comply with the above policy for pets, with the following exceptions: service animals in a working capacity may be permitted inside the House if accompanied by a visitor with a disability and may be permitted to be off-leash if the leash interferes with their work assisting a visitor with a disability, provided that the visitor maintains control of the animal through voice, signal, or other effective controls.

**Smoke-Free Facilities** – Smoking is strictly prohibited in the House and the Gardens & Grounds zones. Smokers must collect their waste, including cigarette butts, and dispose of it properly in designated trash receptacles. Smokers may not leave waste, including cigarette butts, on the ground or in the waterways, and must take all precautions to prevent unintentional fires from lighting. Smokers who start forest fires will be fined and prosecuted.

**Waste Disposal** – Littering, dumping, and open waste disposal of any kind is prohibited at Laverlea. All visitors must abide by the philosophies of “Pack it In, Pack it Out” and “Leave No Trace”. Designated waste receptacles are located in the House and Garden & Grounds zones. All waste must be disposed of either in these receptacles or taken off-site for proper disposal.

**Weapons** – All weapons including firearms, bows & arrows, explosives, fireworks, spears, knives, or other violent projectiles, are prohibited on Laverlea except with advance written permission from the Trust. Those permitted to carry a weapon on Laverlea must first prove their competency to safely operate the weapon, sign the Trust’s liability waiver and lease agreement documents, and carry the proper liability insurance.



## **Permitted vs Prohibited Activities: A Brief Review**

The Trust shall permit activities on Laverlea which support the Trust's mission and align with the land management goals for Laverlea as stated within this management plan. Those activities which do not align with the mission or stated goals are prohibited. A non-exhaustive list of prohibited activities is included below.

### **Permitted Activities** may include:

- ✓ Agriculture
- ✓ Art Classes
- ✓ Birding
- ✓ BBQs and Picnics
- ✓ Business Meetings & Retreats
- ✓ Camping
- ✓ Environmental Research
- ✓ Fishing
- ✓ Fundraisers & Gatherings
- ✓ Gardening
- ✓ Hiking
- ✓ Land Trust Business & Operations
- ✓ Nature Education
- ✓ Outdoor Weddings
- ✓ Overnight Stays
- ✓ Passive Recreation
- ✓ Photography, Videography, & Film
- ✓ Silviculture
- ✓ Star Gazing
- ✓ Yoga Classes

### **Strictly Prohibited Activities** include:

- ✗ Cell Phone Towers
- ✗ Large-scale Development
- ✗ Industrial Uses
- ✗ Mining or Mineral Extraction
- ✗ Mud-bogging & Off-Road Vehicle Parks
- ✗ Open Fires (except prescribed burns)
- ✗ Planting Invasive or Illegal Species
- ✗ Private Inurement/Benefit
- ✗ Smoking
- ✗ Unrelated Commercial Use
- ✗ Unrelated Residential Use
- ✗ Waste Disposal