



Information to Help Plan Your Visit to Valley View Effective December 29, 2023

Every guest is required to acknowledge these guidelines and follow them carefully for the safety of the community as a whole. Even with the best guidelines in place, we cannot offer a risk-free environment.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: All Adults register before arrival - All reservations will be prepaid.

HOURS: A Day Pass admission is from 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Please check-in before 6:00 PM.

Overnight guests may arrive to enjoy the hot springs as early as 11:00 AM no later than 9:00 PM, knowing that accommodations may not be available until 4:00 PM. On the day of departure, vacate accommodations and campsites by 12:00 noon, departing OLT property by 8:00 PM.

DO NOT ARRIVE EARLY OR LATE, AS GATES WILL BE CLOSED!

Our office is open from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM please call during these hours.

LIMITED CAPACITY: Total number of guests on site is limited to protect the environment and the visitor experience.

SOCIAL DISTANCING: Be respectful and courteous as we share space with others.

BRING YOUR OWN:

- ✓ COOLERS, cookware, dishes and utensils if you are camping (Ice is available for \$1 per bag)
- ✓ BEDDING & PILLOWS (Available on Request)
- ✓ TOWELS
- ✓ GAS OR PROPANE CAMP STOVES to cook at your campsite. The Pavilion is fully functional for cooking. The outdoor sink is shut down in winter. Running water and sink available at Main Bath.
- ✓ FOOD and DRINKS
- ✓ WATER BOTTLE: We do not sell bottled water. Bring your own container and fill with delicious, safe water at any sink.

CLOSED OR LIMITED ACCESS

- ⌘ Oak House is no longer a communal space, Oak House residents only.
- ⌘ Pavilion: Share the space with physical distancing. No fire at the Pavilion, please.

STILL IN EFFECT:

- QUIET HOURS 10 PM TO 8 AM
- SMOKING (INCLUDING VAPORIZERS) ALLOWED AT THE SMOKE HUT OR IN VEHICLES ONLY
- ALL PETS REGISTERED AND KEPT ON LEASH, AWAY FROM PONDS, ALWAYS ATTENDED, NO BARKING
- NO CAMERAS - CELL PHONES - COMPUTERS IN PUBLIC AREAS
- NO CAMPFIRES, CHARCOAL GRILLS OR SMOKING (smoking is allowed only in your vehicle or at the Smoke Hut)
- NO GLASS OR CERAMICS AT POOLS, PONDS OR PATHWAYS.
- REFRAIN FROM INAPPROPRIATE SEXUAL BEHAVIOR AND INTOXICATION
- NO GENERATORS AT ANY TIME

RECOMMENDATIONS

CAMPING

Tent or car campers come prepared for unpredictable mountain weather year-round. There is no indoor space for you to warm up. Please don't run a generator or car engine for heat. The hot pool has limited access. Natural pond temperatures range between 92 and 96 degrees. Be prepared with necessary all-season gear.

PLAN ALTERNATE, INDEPENDENT ACTIVITIES: Hiking, Biking, Sun Bathing, Wildlife Photography, Star Gazing, inspired Art and Writing. You may not be able to soak or access your favorite pools exactly when you want to so come prepared with other activities.

BE CONSIDERATE: Consider the health, safety and enjoyment of yourself, OLT staff, and other guests. Consider the conservation and preservation of the natural environment we all come to enjoy and must share with other visitors and the many other critters who call this place home. Be sensitive to others with different opinions, beliefs, behaviors and comfort levels as we navigate sharing this beautiful space.

INTOXICATION by drugs or alcohol is not allowed on OLT property. When people over indulge they lose the ability to make good decisions, to follow guidelines and be respectful of others. Keep alcohol to a minimum at your cabin, room or campsite. When you are intoxicated on the trails and in the pools, you put our staff, local medical personnel and other guests at risk. Responsible consumption is acceptable. High altitude & hot water intensify the effects!

OLT is a nonprofit, charitable purposes land trust and our margins are slim. We have chosen to not raise our prices, as many members cannot afford an increase. If you can assist with an additional donation, it is greatly appreciated and helps keep us going!

It is important that every guest **RECOGNIZE** the importance of these guidelines, and are aware of their effect on the environment, staff and other guests. That they **RESPECT** others, the environment, facility and wildlife habitat and take **RESPONSIBILITY** for their actions, their children/family and pets. **THANK YOU!**



Visitor Guidelines

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Valley View is different from other hot springs, campgrounds, hostels, and nature parks. We ask visitors to take an active role in preserving this open, educational, and affordable recreation experience. **Take responsibility to know our guidelines. Ask us if you have a question.**

RECOGNITION ...of your effect the environment, others near and far, what you can learn, and how you can protect this place.
RESPECT ...the environment, facilities, staff, other guests, their privacy, and the peace and quiet we enjoy here.
RESPONSIBILITY ...for yourself, your children, others in your group, and your pets.

Notice: Your group may be asked to leave should any posted guideline or restriction be disregarded. Damages will be assessed accordingly.



Gate Hours Overnight check-in 11am-9pm. Vacate accommodations by Noon. Depart by 8pm. Day visitors check-in 11am-6pm and check-out by 8pm. NO EXCEPTIONS



Manage Pets Pets must be quiet, peaceful, *always attended*, picked up after*, and leashed* away from paths / ponds. Barking, aggression, or damage cannot be tolerated.



Kids with Parents Safety and behavior of children is the sole responsibility of their guardian. Never leave others to watch them. Infant's must use swim diapers, available.*



No Smoking / Fires High fire danger and remote location. Ask hosts about Pavilion campfire. *Smoking (including vaporizers) allowed in Smoking Hut or vehicles only.*



Clothing Optional We invite healthy, family-friendly naturism / nudity throughout the entire property and open space. Eco-friendly sun protection available.*



Respectful Behavior is required everywhere and at all times. Be aware of your impact on others. Overt sexual behavior is inappropriate and not allowed.



Tread Gently Do not disturb flagged areas, retaining walls / rocks, water flow, historic sites, trees, or wildlife. Shower with soap before soaking. Pack in / pack out.



No Glass or Ceramic Don't bring glass near water, hiking trails, or our bare feet. Shattered pieces are hard to recover and very dangerous. Metal bottles available.*



Extra Quiet Hours 10pm-8am Shhhh... Let nature prevail. Honor the waters, stars, and silence. Avoid driving, noise, bright lights. Be aware of your impact on others.



Respect Wildlife Keep food inside cars or storage cabin. Bears and other animals are drawn by scent endangering us and them. Although generally harmless, avoid contact.



At Your Own Risk No lifeguard on duty. Natural wilderness area. 8,700' elevation. Beware loose rocks and slippery surfaces. ⚡ Emergency call stations shown on map.



Don't Shoot Strangers Cap and pack any camera device *away around others* for everyone's comfort. Focus on landscape, wildlife, consenting friends and family only.

Learn more with OLT's interpretive tours, brochures, museum, or online at www.olt.org

Threatened Species and Habitats
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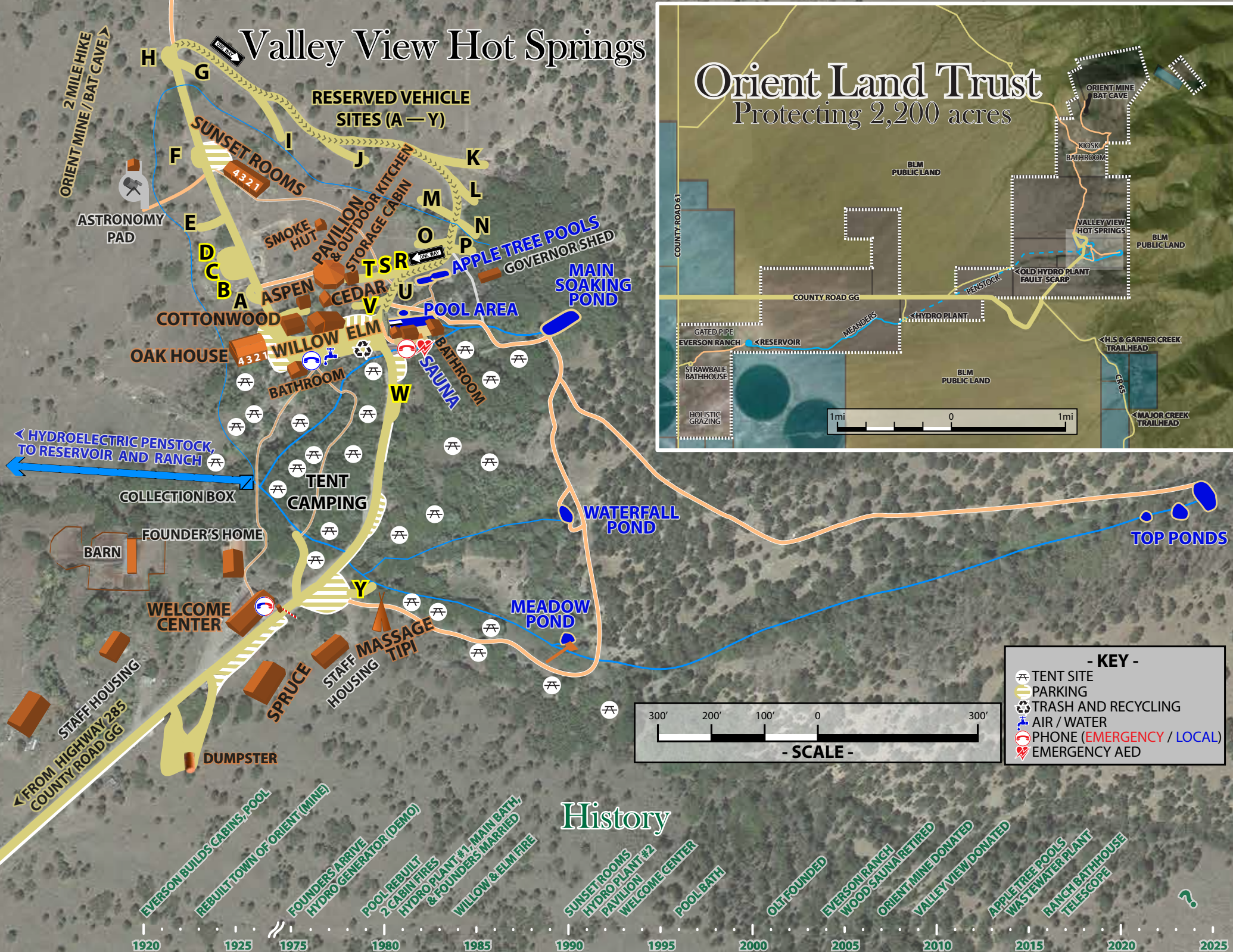
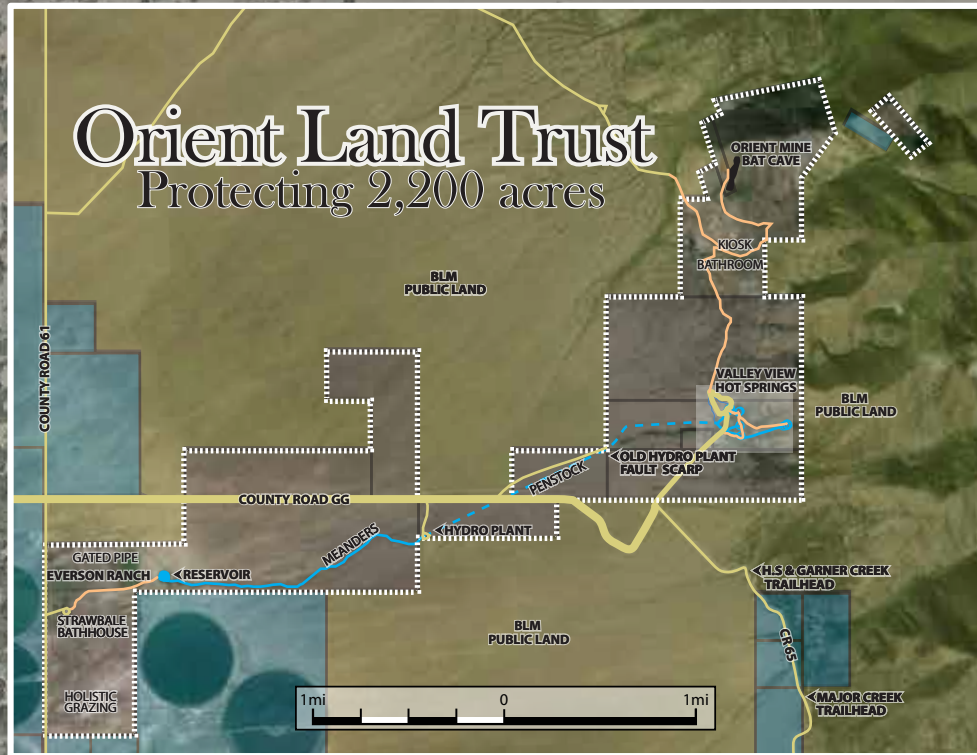
Bat Outflight at the Orient Mine
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San Luis Valley Attractions
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Ways to Contribute / Membership

For the education, enjoyment, and well-being of current and future generations, Orient Land Trust: promotes a positive clothing-optional experience at all properties including Valley View Hot Springs, Orient Mine and Everson Ranch; preserves the viewshed, including land acquisition; protects natural, wild, agricultural, and historic resources, in the northern San Luis Valley.

Valley View Hot Springs

Orient Land Trust Protecting 2,200 acres



History

