

NIOBRARARA RIVER

Code of Ethics

Established as a National Scenic River in 1991, Nebraska's Niobrara is not your ordinary river, it's a national treasure. Cooperative management through public/private partnerships protects the integrity of the unique scenery, biological diversity, water quality, recreation, and more. How you use the river impacts the land and other visitors.

The Niobrara Council asks that you abide by the following regulations and guidelines:

Plan Ahead - Be Prepared!

Safety

- Everyone must have easy access to a life jacket; kids under 13 must wear one by Nebraska law.
- Cell phone service on the river is poor. Emergency phones are located at all campgrounds.
- Know your take out point and when you will get there. Pay attention to warning signs.
- Stay hydrated. Carry and drink plenty of water.
- No large flotillas (group of vessels) tied together.
- Glass and bare feet don't mix.

Rules

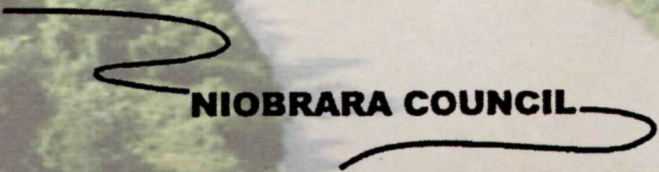
- Drinking? Bring your ID, you may be carded.
- Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge has additional special regulations. Ask your outfitter.
- No alcohol is allowed on Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge, and no consumption of alcohol is allowed at Smith Falls State Park or at Brewer Bridge Landing.

- Fishing, hunting or trapping requires a valid Nebraska license and landowner permission.

Behave Yourself

- Stay off private property without permission. Public access areas are signed.
- Respect other river users; don't spoil it for others (no noise, nudity, profanity or harassment).
- Public restrooms are located at Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge, Berry Bridge, Smith Falls State Park, Brewer Bridge, Stan's and Rocky Ford landings.
- There is no excuse for littering, pack out your garbage. Leave Styrofoam and glass containers at home.
- Secure your gear to your vessel.

Look for National Park Service rangers along the river and at landings. They can answer questions and assist with safety or law enforcement concerns.



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