As a State Natural Area, the primary focus of Government Canyon is the protection of its natural environment. Any recreational activity may be restricted. Help us protect this special place by following some simple guidelines.

- Pets are restricted to the Frontcountry trails only. Leashing your pets keeps them safe and protects the native wildlife.
- Helmets are required when bicycling in the natural area.
- Leaving no trace of your visit keeps this area natural. Please recycle appropriate litter and pack out what you pack in.
- Stay on designated trails to protect yourself and trailside vegetation. It is harder to spot poisonous wildlife and plants off trail. Creating new trails causes confusion and increases soil erosion.
- Please leave all plants, animals and artifacts in the Natural Area as you found them. Everything in the Natural Area is protected by State Law for everyone’s enjoyment.
- Dead wood is an important source of food and shelter to much wildlife. Do not gather firewood, as it harms wildlife.
- Fires are permitted in cook stoves and self-contained grills only. Ground fires scar rocks and soils, detracting from the beauty of the Natural Area, and can also cause wildfires.
- All trails on the Frontcountry are multi-use, open to all visitors. Please respect others by following the trail courtesy system.
- State Law prohibits public consumption or display of an open container of any alcoholic beverage.

In case of emergency, call the GCSNA main office at (210) 688-9055.