Plan Ahead: Know your equipment, your ability and where you are going. Carry necessary supplies for changes in weather or other conditions.

Sharing the Trails
The Villa Montalvo trails offer recreational opportunities for hikers and nature lovers. For the safety and protection of all visitors, please adhere to the following trail etiquette guidelines:

Stay on designated trails: Remain on posted trails only. Trails may be closed due to poor conditions or sensitive environmental concerns.

Be Considerate: Use care when passing children and senior citizens. Respect everyone’s right to use the trails.

Be Aware of Conditions: Use of the trails when conditions are poor, such as shortly after rain, may cause trail damage.

Vehicles: Observer posted speed limits. Stay on designated roadways and in designated areas.

Dogs/Pets: Dogs are prohibited in botanical gardens and managed grounds. Dogs on 6 foot (or less) leashes are permitted on forested, single-track trails.

Bicycles: Bicycles not allowed on trails. All trails are hiking only.

Fires: No fires are permitted.

Picnicking: Picnicking is restricted. Call the Montalvo Association for more information (408) 961-5800.

Alcohol: No alcohol is allowed on the arboretum grounds.

Plants & Wildlife: Collection of plant specimens and feeding of wildlife is prohibited.

Photography: Photographs taken for commercial purposes require permission by the Montalvo Association.

About the Villa Montalvo Association
The mission of Villa Montalvo is to advance the appreciation of the arts, music, and the environment through diverse programs and preservation of the historic site. Villa Montalvo is supported by donations from the Friends of Montalvo and cultural events. Corporate sponsorships and other fundraising events, along with the rental of facilities for weddings, retreats and social events, supports the mission of Villa Montalvo. Montalvo's Artist Residency Program is the oldest program of its kind west of the Mississippi and has hosted over 600 artists since its inception in 1942. Villa Montalvo's Performing Arts Season continues annually with a broad range of musical styles, dance and theater. Event schedules, tours and facility rentals are available through the Montalvo Association box office (408) 961-5800 or the business office at (408) 961-5800.