

Meanderthal Hike Leaders/Co-ordinators Guidelines

Provide an adequate description of the hike:

Elevation gain, total distance, approximate time required, and exposure or other hazards.

Set Maximum number for hike:

Suggested number of participants is 12, plus the leader, but left to the discretion of the leader.

In the event that the hike is over-subscribed, consider splitting into two groups by speed/ interests/loop direction/etc, then ask one of the group to lead the second section. Or ask another leader to create a different hike and offer it directly by email to the extra applicants. Experience has taught that hikes should not be added to the web list after sign-up has started. Notify extra applicants of your intentions so they can withdraw and apply to other hikes if they wish.

Set Minimum number for hike:

Recommended 6, for safety reasons.

Appoint a strong hiker to bring up the rear:

Assign a sweep. If the group is large and breaks into two , you must assign another leader and sweep for the second group.

Keep the group together:

Make sure there is periodic communication between the leader and the sweep.

Role of the leader in case of an accident

In the rare instance where a participant has problems or needs more time, appoint at least **TWO** hikers to accompany the individual to the end of the hike and to stay with the hiker. In the case the leader decides to be one of these individuals, appoint a leader for the rest of the group.

Share the cost of driving