

Respect the Rural:

STEAMBOAT MARATHON SAFETY & STEWARDSHIP GUIDE

Running through the Yampa Valley means passing through working landscapes that have been home to local families for generations. Please follow these guidelines to keep our community safe and our environment healthy.

Rules of the Road & Livestock Safety

- Yield to Animals: If you encounter livestock, continue running alongside them, not through them. Don't yell or wave your arms to move them along. Don't pet any livestock, guardian dogs, or horses, and give them a wide berth to prevent stress on the animal.
- Be Patient with Equipment: Tractors and farm machinery cannot stop or maneuver like a standard car. Give them plenty of space and time to move.
- Livestock Guardian Dogs: If you encounter a herd, stay calm and give the guardian dogs plenty of space. Do not run or drive into the middle of animal herds.
- Mind the Gate: Always leave gates exactly as you find them—if it was closed, leave it closed; if it was open, leave it open.

Land & Water Stewardship

- Protect the Yampa River: The water in our basin is critical for agriculture, wildlife, and our drinking supply. Help support a healthy river system by being mindful of your interactions with the local ecosystem.
- Respect Private Property: Do not trespass. Always adhere to landowner directions—if you don't know, don't go.
- Fence-Out Laws: Be aware that Colorado is a "fence-out" state, meaning livestock can open graze and roam.
- Pack it Out: Help us manage our land by keeping it clean of all trash and debris.

Community Connections

- Be a Good Neighbor: Community is what makes Routt County special. Smile, wave, and be polite to the residents who share their roads with us.
- Learn More: For additional resources on rural living or land management, visit the Routt County CSU Extension or the Community Agriculture Alliance.

Emergency Contact Information:

- Routt County CSU Extension: 970-879-0825
- Community Agriculture Alliance: 970-879-4370

