



Before You Commit: Understanding Passage

Vision

Our vision for Passage is both a celebration of and a catalyst for new beginnings. We believe in the power of intention; setting a direction for our own futures with the mindfulness and determination necessary to manifest our own realities. At Passage, we will intentionally embrace the ending of an era and the beginning of a new one... whatever that may mean for you. For you that might mean the turning of a page to a new job or home, the prospect of a new partner or child, or a decision to pursue a new goal with fervor. State your intentions, share them with others, pursue them with passion. Uplift your neighbor as they do the same.

10 Principles

While not technically a Burn, Passage Gathering will resemble a Burn in the ethos of The Ten Principles of Burning Man:

Radical Inclusion

Anyone may be a part of Burning Man. We welcome and respect the stranger. No prerequisites exist for participation in our community.

Gifting

Burning Man is devoted to acts of gift giving. The value of a gift is unconditional. Gifting does not contemplate a return or an exchange for something of equal value.

Decommodification

In order to preserve the spirit of gifting, our community seeks to create social environments that are unmediated by commercial sponsorships, transactions, or advertising. We stand ready to protect our culture from such exploitation. We resist the substitution of consumption for participatory experience.

Radical Self-reliance

Burning Man encourages the individual to discover, exercise and rely on their inner resources.

Radical Self-expression

Radical self-expression arises from the unique gifts of the individual. No one other than the individual or a collaborating group can determine its content. It is offered as a gift to others. In this spirit, the giver should respect the rights and liberties of the recipient.

Communal Effort

Our community values creative cooperation and collaboration. We strive to produce, promote and protect social networks, public spaces, works of art, and methods of communication that support such interaction.

Civic Responsibility

We value civil society. Community members who organize events should assume responsibility for public welfare and endeavor to communicate civic responsibilities to participants. They must also assume responsibility for conducting events in accordance with local, state and federal laws.

Leaving No Trace

Our community respects the environment. We are committed to leaving no physical trace of our activities wherever we gather. We clean up after ourselves and endeavor, whenever possible, to leave such places in a better state than when we found them.

Participation

Our community is committed to a radically participatory ethic. We believe that transformative change, whether in the individual or in society, can occur only through the medium of deeply personal participation. We achieve being through doing. Everyone is invited to work. Everyone is invited to play. We make the world real through actions that open the heart.

Immediacy

Immediate experience is, in many ways, the most important touchstone of value in our culture. We seek to overcome barriers that stand between us and a recognition of our inner selves, the reality of those around us, participation in society, and contact with a natural world exceeding human powers. No idea can substitute for this experience.

Read more at: www.Burningman.org/about/10-principles/

11th Principle: Consent

"We value the transformative experience of sensual and consensual touch, play, and interaction. We believe that consent plays a vital part in our connectivity and community. Our vision is that all parties participate in a physical encounter from a place of enthusiasm and autonomy. Consent must be explicitly granted from an individual who is clearly in a state of mind to be able to grant it." - 11th Principle: Consent! Mission Statement

Each and every person has the right - and deserves the respect - to choose who comes into intimate contact with their body. Bodies are sacred. They are merged with our soul on this earth and express our personality, thoughts, and emotions with unbelievable nuance and power. The body deserves reverence. It is our duty as decent human beings to observe this truth in our actions and hold others accountable to do the same.

Enthusiastic Consent applies to more than just sexual encounters:

- Touch: Just because you hugged someone yesterday doesn't mean you can surprise them with a hug today. "Surprise contact" isn't always wanted, even if it's affectionate.
- Kink: Consent for one thing isn't consent for another. If I said you can spank me, that doesn't give you permission to grope me.
- Sex: Consent can be revoked once it's been given, should one party change their mind.
- Gifts: Disclose what is in your gifts, even if it's just essential oils. Some people have sensitivities
- Foods: Disclose the ingredients, one person's innocuous ingredient can be someone else's allergy.
- Photography: Ask before taking pictures. Remember consent to take a picture is NOT consent to post it on your blog.

Read more at www.11thprincipleconsent.org

In Practice at Passage

With these principles in mind, here are some of the details and guidelines that will affect you in practical ways:

- The ultimate goal of Passage is to create a safe and accepting environment in which each attendee feels free and encouraged to be themselves and express their true self without fear of condemnation. Any act of discrimination, intimidation, or prejudice will be met with absolute and immediate sanction and you will be asked to leave the event.
- Radical self-reliance is not just symbolic. This is true primitive camping. You will need to be prepared to support yourself with everything you need to survive and thrive in the wild, rain or shine. This will be one step slightly more involved than camping at a music festival due to the limited facilities. There will be no food or ice available for purchase. Help yourself, help your neighbor. If you need advice on camping gear, DM any of the hosts.
- This location is fairly remote. It is not practical to drive to the nearest town for fast food or cigarettes during the event. Furthermore, due to the nature of this event and its remote location, the gates will be closed nightly at 10pm. This is to prevent local joyriders coming into the event and event participants leaving while intoxicated. Please do not attempt to leave the property after lockdown unless you have a genuine emergency.
- There will be a Care Station Tent on property providing First Aid supplies, Fentanyl test strips, rehydration supplies, flashlights, ear plugs, NARCAN, and various other community support items. Locate it on your first day on site so that you know where to go should you need something.

- All local, state, and federal laws must be obeyed at all times. Any infraction of the law (especially assault of any kind) is grounds for expulsion from the site or even arrest, if necessary. Use, possession, and sale of controlled substances is illegal.
- Firearms are not allowed on the property.
- Glass bottles are not allowed on the property. If you are seen with glass, you will be asked to throw it away immediately.
- Pets are not allowed on the property. Local hunters and land owners do not take kindly to wandering dogs interrupting their hunt. Take this very seriously. Do not bring your dogs. Your service animals ARE WELCOME.
- Do not wander off the property. PERIOD. There are fairly obvious natural boundaries around the edges of the property. Don't test them.
- Pace yourself. This is a time to explore your consciousness, not your drinking limits.
- There will be multiple fire rings lit throughout the property, and fire extinguishers provided. Do your part to keep this awesome feature of the property safe and responsible throughout the event. We can all prevent forest fires.
- The property supports some very unique micro-ecosystems, of which we must be very protective. Our property host has asked that we avoid stepping on the moss and lichen concentrations on the bedrock. You'll know what we mean when you see the property.
- Leave absolutely no trace of your visit to RoxannaLand. Do not damage anything on the property, and be prepared to take every piece of trash, every cigarette butt, every water bottle, ALL trash... with you when you leave. We will provide some receptacles, but do your part to ensure that the property is left better than we found it. Collecting your grey water in a container for proper disposal later is encouraged.
- And finally... Respect your fellow attendees, respect your hosts, respect the property, and respect yourself. See you in the forest, lovers.