

# Welcome to Little Cottonwood Canyon

## Protected Watersheds

As many of you know, our drinking water comes from these very mountains around us in Little Cottonwood Canyon. Slowly melting snow provides water for wetlands, wildflowers, animals and people too!



With thousands of visitors in the canyons each day, we can all do our part to protect our watersheds - the cleaner the stream water and snow in our mountains, the cleaner the water at our tap.

Our canyons were extensively used for mining, timber, and grazing in the late 1800's. In 1934 U.S. Congress designated Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons as drinking water protection areas. Since then, we have made great strides in watershed protection and improvement in water quality. Clean water and healthy watersheds are priceless! It's easy to protect your water and help "Keep It Pure"

- \* No Pets Allowed
- \* Use Restrooms
- \* Pick Up Trash

## Why Why Why

### Why No Dogs?

Dogs commune with humans, share human food sources and human pathogens. Dogs can then transfer human diseases through the watershed. Dogs aren't allowed in this canyon except by special permit only (canyon residents, rescue and assistance dogs).

### Why No Swimming?

Skin oils, urine, and feces, carry bacteria from our bodies that contaminate water. The dirtier the water (more bacteria, more pollutants) the more difficult and more costly it is to clean. Pollution prevention helps us all Keep It Pure!

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