



Share the Trails: A Guide to Trail Etiquette

Courtesy

- Be courteous and aware of other users.
- Be predictable but expect other users—especially children, those wearing headphones or talking on a cell phone—to be unpredictable.
- All dogs should have the temperament and/or training to use the trails without becoming aggressive toward other users.
- Use only trails designated for your activity; do not use dirt or soft-surfaced trails when wet and where use would damage them.
- Do not disturb surrounding flora or fauna.
- Properly dispose of all trash and pet waste.

Yielding

- Stay to the right of the trail, whenever possible.
- Yield to others when entering, crossing or turning onto trails.
- Higher speed users should yield to lower speed users.
- Whenever possible, bicyclists should yield to pedestrians.
- Trail users going uphill generally have the right-of-way over users traveling downhill.
- If using a trail with a group, proceed single-file. Announce upcoming hazards to the rest of the group.

Passing & Safety

- Bicyclists are strongly encouraged to wear a helmet.
- Travel at a reasonable speed and reduce your speed when approaching slower users and areas of reduced visibility, such as corners and intersections.
- Pass on the left, when safe to do so.
- Give a clear warning signal before passing, such as “Passing on your left,” or “Bike passing.”
- If traveling with a group, let the trail user know how many people are in your group.
- Move off the trail if you are stopped or to allow others to pass.