



Trail Etiquette

Each year, thousands of people enjoy Open Space trails by foot, horse, wheelchair and dog walking. To ensure that all visitors enjoy their experience, trail users are urged to respect trail etiquette guidelines when sharing the trail with others.

1. Who Yields to Whom on the Trail?

Bikes yield to pedestrians and *stop* for equestrians. Pedestrians *yield* to equestrians.

2. Always Announce Yourself to an Equestrian

Horses can be unpredictable. Always slow down and announce yourself to the rider to avoid spooking a horse. A reckless approach to an equestrian can result in serious injury to the rider, other trail users and the horse.

3. Stay on the Right Side of the Trail

Announce to other users that you are passing and *pass on the left*. Allow faster users to pass.

4. Ride at Safe Speed

Bikes, In-line Skates, Wheelchairs and Equestrians – stay in control of your speed and your vehicle.

5. Do Not Wear Headphones

Headphones greatly reduce your ability to hear trail users approaching from behind.

6. Use Authorized Trails Only

Respect trail closures. Trail building is a science and considers the topography, gradient, and habitat of the land to keep erosion and impact to a minimum and offer variation and interest for the trail user.

7. Bikes and Equestrians are Restricted to Multi-Use Trails

8. Dogs Must Be Leashed at All Times

9. Pick Up After Your Dog

Dog excrement stinks! It can also spread disease to other animals and people, and contribute chemicals to soil that invasive weeds feed on to outcompete endemic species.

Thank you for doing your part to make Open Space trails safe, sustainable, and enjoyable for everyone!