

Trail Etiquette

Trail use is growing in record number. It is very important that general respect is given to all users of all types. Not only respect for other users is important, but also respect for the trail itself is equally important. Taking care of the trail by staying clear of muddy areas, staying on the trail, and packing out trash will help keep trails open to the public. Trails are meant to enjoy and future trail use can be sustained and controversy can be reduced if the following general rules are followed.

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL USERS

- Stay on existing trails.
- Don't short-cut switchbacks.
- Avoid very wet and muddy conditions.
- Do not spook horses. Move to lower side of trail if possible.
- Know the local trail rules, regulations and special concerns of the area.
- Obey gate closures and signs. Pass others with care. Let others know you are about to pass.
- Respect the rights of others, regardless of their mode, speed or skill level.
- Do not block the trail.
- Keep the trail clean.
- Slower traffic has right-of-way.
- Keep right, except when passing.
- Get owners' permission on private land.
- Do not disturb the wildlife.