

Share the Trails

A Guide to Trail Etiquette

Trails provide a great opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and your favorite activity. The following basic share-the-trail etiquette tips can improve both your activity as well as others' experiences on the trail.

- Be courteous and aware of 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
- Keep pets on a leash
- Do not disturb wildlife or fauna
- Dispose of trash properly
- Wear a helmet
- Travel at a reasonable speed
- Be predictable
- Yield to others when entering, crossing or turning onto trails
- Higher speed users should yield to lower speed users
- Trail users going uphill generally have the right-of-way over users traveling downhill
- Stay to the right of the trail, when possible; do not block the entire trail
- Pass on the left, when safe to do so
- Give a clear warning signal before passing; wait for person to respond whenever possible
- Remember when using the trails, you are also an ambassador of the activity in which you are participating



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