

Etiquette and Rules for Safe Trail Use

Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation (M-NCPPC) Trails Program

On the Trail

- Be courteous to other trail users.
- Stay to the right; pass on the left.
- Pedestrians have the right-of-way.
- Pedestrians and cyclists traveling two-abreast must yield to on-coming and overtaking traffic.
- When overtaking, give courteous but audible, advance warning using voice or bell.
- Bicyclists should ride at speeds that are safe for current conditions: generally 10-15 miles per hour.
- Horses should be kept on the grass shoulder, where possible.
- With the exception of motorized wheelchairs, motorized vehicles are not allowed on the trail.

Stay Safe

- Bicyclists should wear a helmet; helmet use is required by state law for those under age 16.
- Carry a mobile phone; don't wear earphones.
- Wear reflective material; carry a whistle or noisemaker.
- Stay alert, be observant of your surroundings.
- Tell friends or family the route you'll be taking; travel with a partner, when possible.
- When stopping along the trail, move off the pavement to avoid blocking the path for other users.
- Pets must be kept on a short leash and owners must clean up pet waste.
- When on roadways, remember to ride with traffic, but walk and run against traffic.