

## Sharing the Trail - Tips for ALL Trail Users

- Earbuds/speakers need to be removed or kept at minimal volume to allow you to hear other trail users.
- Be aware of your surroundings at all times. Allow room for others on the trail.
- If you have a dog, keep the leash short & the dog under control. Pick up your dog's waste.
- Listen for bikers ringing their bike bells to alert you to their presence on the trail.
- When yielding the trail to another user, stand out in the open so you can be seen.
- Be aware of motorized vehicles on those specific trails that allow them.

## Sharing the Trail with **Horses** - Tips for ALL Trail Users

- Stop & step off the trail at least 3 feet. Allow the animal to be on the uphill side of you.
- If the right of way is yielded to you, proceed slowly, steadily & continue talking to the animal as you pass.
- If an animal seems nervous, consider removing your helmet or backpack.
- Approach animals slowly, even well trained animals may startle.
- When overtaking riders, call out or ring bike bell until you get a response from the rider. Stop & follow their instructions.

### Hikers and Runners

- Make your presence known when approaching other trail users.
- Allow faster trail users to pass.
- Keep your dog leashed, under control and PLEASE pick up any deposits left by your pets.
- Runners, please realize that you are swift and silent and may startle other trail users.



Yield to Horses



Everyone yields to nature

### Mountain Bikers

- Expect other trail users, especially as you approach corners.
- Ride in control and within your ability at all times. Your speed should not exceed your sight-stopping distance.
- Yield to all hikers, runners, and equestrians, and to uphill bikers.
- Slow down as you approach other trail users and pass only if the right-of-way is yielded to you.



Yield to Horses & Hikers



### Equestrians

- Call out to other trail users as you may see them before they see you.
- You have a responsibility to manage your animals on the trail. It is not advisable to ride a "green" horse or mule on high-traffic multi-use trails.
- Most bikers and hikers will yield, but some do not have experience with animals. Please use a friendly approach to educate other trail users during these encounters.



Horses & Mules always have the Right-of-Way



### Motorized Vehicles

- All other trail users have the right of way.
- When encountering equestrians, slow down and pull off trail as much as possible. Stop and shut off engine.
- Consider removing helmet if horse seems agitated. Say hello as it helps the horse recognize you as human.
- Wait for the equestrian's okay before starting your engine and drive slowly away from the horse.



Yield to all Other Trail Users

