

Trail Rules

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General Rules of the Trail:

- (1) The Trail is open for use from 6:00 A.M. to sunset.
- (2) Waste, refuse, trash, cigarette butts, debris, or other material brought onto the Trail must be properly disposed of in trash receptacles or recycling containers.
- (3) Fireworks are not permitted along the Trail.
- (4) Rules of the road must be adhered to along the Trail.
- (5) Public access is allowed by pedestrians, bicycles and electric bicycles ("E- bike") which are generally regulated in the same manner as traditional bicycles.
- (6) Cyclists must adhere to the following rules:
 - Wear a helmet if under the age of 16
 - Remain visible at all times
 - Be in control of their bicycle or E-bike at all times
 - Obey all traffic laws
 - Give verbal warning when passing other Trail users
- (7) Public access is not allowed by golf carts or by motorized, gas-powered or electrical vehicles, unless it is an E-bike.
- (8) For mobility-impaired individuals who request to use other power-driven mobility devices, the County's Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Department ("Parks") will evaluate the request to provide reasonable accommodation on the Trail.
- (9) The speed limit along the Trail is fifteen (15) miles per hour.
- (10) Smoking is permitted in designated areas only.
- (11) Fishing is permitted in designated areas only.

Animal Policies:

(1) Pets on leash are permitted along the Trail, with the following constraints:

- Leash must be no more than six feet long.
- Pets must be under owner's control at all times.
- Pet owners are required to remove pet excrement from the Trail.

(2) Horses are permitted by special pre-authorization only from Parks.

Event Policies:

Club and organizational events utilizing the Trail must be open to the public and approved by Parks.



Graphic courtesy of Steve Martin.

Trail Etiquette

The Legacy Trail is a multi-use, non-motorized trail that supports a wide diversity of users. You are likely to encounter people of all ages and levels of fitness: walkers, rollerbladers, skateboarders, elliptical cyclists, two-, three-, and four-wheel bicyclists, dog walkers, wildlife viewers, and anglers. All have equal rights to use the trail.

***Be Alert. Be Courteous. Be Predictable.
Share the Legacy!***

Pedestrians:

- Walk on the far right side of the trail and walk no more than two abreast.
- Dogs must be on a six-foot maximum leash. Best practice is to have the dog on your right side, between you and the gravel/grass side of the path. Dogs on your left side should be kept on a shorter leash and never allowed to stray beyond the center line of the trail.
- Don't block the trail. Step off the trail for watching wildlife.

Bicyclists:

- Cyclists must always yield to pedestrians.
- Wear a helmet for protection, and carry some form of identification, emergency contact information, and a cell phone.
- Provide an audible warning (e.g., ring your bicycle bell or announce "on your left" before passing other cyclists or pedestrians).
- Keep your speed low in crowded areas. Remain in control and be prepared to stop if the unexpected happens.
- Stop at all intersections, especially at crosswalks, and look in both directions before entering the intersection.
- No racing or drafting.
- Form a single file line when passing or approaching other trail users.
- Please consider turning off your flashing bike lights when on the trail and not needed. In addition to being annoying to others, flashing lights can trigger migraines and seizures in susceptible individuals.