

User Guidelines for Multi-Use Trails

Trails for non-motorized use have become very popular. A consequence of their success is congestion. With this, a major issue has become safety. Whether you cycle, walk, jog, skate, push a stroller or walk a dog, if you follow the same set of rules as everyone else, your experience will be safer and more enjoyable. Please follow these guidelines when using Cedar Hill's multi-use trails.

BE COURTEOUS All users, including bicyclists, joggers, walkers, wheelchairs, skateboarders and skaters should be respectful of other users, regardless of their mode, speed, or level of skill.

BE PREDICTABLE Travel in a consistent and predictable manner. Always look behind before changing position on the trail.

KEEP RIGHT Stay to the RIGHT side of the trail as is safe except when passing another user.

PASS ON THE LEFT Pass others going in your direction on their LEFT. Look ahead and back to make sure the lane is clear before pulling out. Pass with ample separation and do not move back to the right until safely past. Faster traffic in any mode of travel is always responsible for yielding to slower and on-coming traffic.

GIVE AUDIBLE SIGNAL BEFORE PASSING Give a clear warning signal before passing. A frequently used warning announced loudly is "PASSING ON YOUR LEFT". A clear warning signal may also be produced by bell or horn.

DON'T BLOCK THE TRAIL When in a group, avoid using more than half the trail. Keep pets on a short leash and to the right of the trail. When stopping, move off the trail.

WEAR A HELMET All bicyclists should wear a properly fitting helmet while riding on trails and public streets.

YIELD WHEN ENTERING & CROSSING TRAILS When entering or crossing a trail, yield to traffic on the trail.

STOP AT STOP SIGNS Bicyclists are required to observe all posted signs and follow all traffic laws.

REMOVE LITTER Please do not leave glass, paper, cans or any other debris on or near a trail. If you drop something, please remove it immediately.

NIGHT USE From dusk until dawn, bicycles should be equipped with lights. Bicycles should have a white light visible from 500 feet to the front and a red or amber light or reflector visible from five-hundred feet to the rear. Reflective clothing is recommended for all trail users at night.

HAVE YOU OUTGROWN TRAILS? If your speed or style endangers others users, seek alternative routes better suited to you needs. Selecting the right location is safer and more enjoyable for everyone.

Thanks for making Cedar Hill's trails fun, safe and enjoyable for all users!

This information is adapted from the model Path Users Ordinance developed by the International Bicycle Fund, www.ibike.org.