

Share Your Westminster Trail!

There are many benefits of a multi-use trail, including year-round access, easier accessibility for other-abled users and commuting. Sharing the trail ensures EVERYONE can have a safe, enjoyable experience. These guidelines are reminders that each of us has a legitimate place on the trail. We can co-exist with courtesy, awareness and respect.

WATCH YOUR SPEED: The concrete trail allows faster mobility for bicyclists. Be safety-conscious when cycling, keeping in mind that walkers, joggers and wheelchair users will be going slower and may need extra space. Children and pets can be unpredictable; make allowances for the safety of everyone on the trail. Please remember – just because you can go faster doesn't mean you should go faster. The few minutes you gain could spell disaster if you are in an accident.

DON'T BLOCK THE TRAIL: When in a group or with your pet, use no more than half the trail so other users have access.

KEEP RIGHT: Stay as near to the right side of the trail as possible, except when passing.

PASS ON THE LEFT: Pass others on the left. YIELD TO SLOWER AND ON-COMING TRAFFIC. Look ahead and back to make sure the lane is clear. Use hand signals to alert those behind you. Make sure to give all trail users ample space.

GIVE AUDIBLE WARNINGS BEFORE PASSING: Give a clear signal by using your voice, bell, or horn before passing. Loudly announce "On your left" to clearly indicate you are passing. Give trail users time to react to your announcement.

HEAR YOUR SURROUNDINGS: Make sure you can hear what is going on around you. If you wear headphones, make sure you can still hear announcements.

STOPPING: Make sure you move off the trail to stop.

BE COURTEOUS: All trail users should be respectful of other users regardless of their mode, speed or skill level. Yield to trail users using the right-of-way rules: Bicyclists yield to all users, walkers yield to horseback riders, horseback riders have the right-of way.



We can all enjoy the trail using simple courtesy and safety awareness.