

# Sharing the trails in Edmonton



## A simple guide for getting along out there

Edmonton's trails are shared spaces. Whether you're riding, running, walking, or out with kids or dogs, we all play a role in keeping the paths safe, enjoyable, and in good condition. We all want to have a good time out there!

### The Basics

- Be aware of others and share the space
- Keep right where appropriate and pass safely on the left side
- Communicate clearly when approaching or passing
- Move off the trail if you stop
- Be kind and patient—everyone is out here for a good time after all!

### Trail Conditions Matter

- Do not use muddy singletrack trails
- If your shoes or tires leave marks, it's too wet
- Clay-based trails are easily damaged and slow to recover
- Choose gravel or paved paths when trails are wet

### Stay Predictable

- Avoid sudden stops or direction changes
- Don't block the trail, corners, or narrow sections
- Keep groups to one side to allow others to pass
- Stay on marked trails (don't widen paths or create new ones)

### Dogs, Kids, and Groups

- Keep dogs under control at all times
- Be mindful that not everyone is comfortable with dogs
- Keep children close, especially on narrow or busy trails
- Leave space for others to pass safely

### Passing and Right of Way

- Cyclists yield to walkers, runners, and horses
- Downhill users yield to uphill users on singletrack
- Announce yourself when passing ("on your left," use your bell, or your voice)
- Riding in a group?, Let who you're passing know how many are with you
- Pass only when it's safe and give space

### Ride, Walk, and Run in Control

- Move at a speed where you can stop safely
- Slow down at blind corners and intersections
- Expect others at any time, including dogs, children, and horses

### Respect the Trails

- Don't skid or damage the trail surface
- Respect closures and trail work signs
- Pack out what you bring in
- Trails are maintained by volunteers, please help protect them

### When in Doubt

- Slow down.
- Communicate.
- Give space. Especially to geese.

