

CUMBERLAND TRAIL NETWORK ETIQUETTE

The Cumberland Trail Network is a **multi-use trail network** shared by mountain bikers, hikers and trail runners of diverse ages and abilities. This network includes:

- The Cumberland Community Forest Park owned and managed by the Village of Cumberland.
- Village Watershed Lands owned and managed by the Village of Cumberland.
- Private Working Forest Lands with trails managed by United Riders of Cumberland.

EXPECT mountain bikes, hikers, runners, dogs, children, and elders on these trails.

Trails closest to the Village are part of the Cumberland Community Forest Park and the **Community Interface Zone**. The Park was gifted to the Village by the community for ecological protection and low impact recreation. These **multi-use trails** receive the highest volume and diversity of trail users.

Visitors are encouraged to pay attention to signage and watch for **Nature Trails** (best enjoyed on foot) and **Gravity Trails** (yield to mountain bike traffic) inside the Community Interface Zone.

For everyone to be able to enjoy the Cumberland Trails safely, users are asked to learn and practice the following:

TRAIL ETIQUETTE

- **Respect** other trail users. Be kind to one another. Smile and say hello.
- **Share** the network. It was created by and for the community.
- **Communicate**. Let others know you are coming with a greeting or bell ring.
- **Stay Alert** and anticipate other users. Trail features and sightlines impact response time.
- **Be Aware** of your surroundings and have all your senses available.
- **Stay in Control**, ride within your limits and be ready to encounter diverse trail users.
- **Be Prepared to Yield** to other trail users and pass in a safe, controlled, and courteous manner.
- **Make Space** for other users and avoid gathering on trails or at trail intersections.
- **Enjoy** the network and find a way to give back.

CODE OF CONDUCT

- Motorized vehicles are not permitted in the network.
- Be aware that all gravel roads are active resource roads with vehicle traffic.
- Keep your feet and your wheels on the established and marked trails.
- Respect trail closures and decommissions. Do not construct new trails or alter existing ones.
- Stay on the trail. Shortcuts and go-arounds cause erosion and trampling of vegetation.
- Pack it in and Pack it out. From apple cores to dog waste.
- Know the current trail conditions and weather forecast and plan accordingly.
- No fires or fireworks.
- Leave no trace.

PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

- Do not swim in lakes or creeks. These are all public drinking water sources.
- If nature calls, move away from trails or creeks, bury any waste, and leave no paper products.
- Stay on the trail. When letting others pass, avoid damaging trail side vegetation.
- Leave space for nature. Keep pets under control and learn how to manage wildlife encounters
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