



TRAIL USE REGULATIONS FOR MEMBERS

Equestrians who ride the trail system in Pomfret traverse private property, town land, state forest, and public roads. It is essential that all of us adhere to the following rules:

1. Always have your saddle tag clearly visible.
2. Helmets and appropriate footwear with a heel must be worn.
3. Be considerate and courteous at all times.
4. Be humane and kind to your horse.
5. Know your horse's limitations and your skill.
6. Treat the trails with respect.
7. Treat other's property as you would your own.
8. Maintain a safe and controlled speed.
9. Slow to a walk when meeting other riders or hikers.
10. Minimize soil impact by staying on designated trails and avoiding muddy conditions.
11. Avoid wet areas whenever possible.
12. When riding in fields stay to the edge unless designated otherwise.
13. Walk near residences, stables and paddocks. Observe the privacy of landowners when passing close to their homes.
14. On roads, ride single file and move to the side for passing cars. Thank drivers when they are courteous enough to reduce their speed. A hand down and out is a warning for others to slow down or stop.
15. Leave gates as you found them.
16. Try to keep manure away from high traffic multiple use areas. In some cases it's a good idea to dismount and move the manure over to the side, or go back and clean up.
17. Do not bring dogs with you when riding.
18. No smoking, no drinking alcohol, and no littering on trails.
19. When parking at trail heads, leave area clean.
20. During hunting season wear something orange.
- 21. Leave no trace.**

Standard multiple-use trail regulations give equestrians the right of way. Mountain bikes yield to hikers, and both cyclists and hikers yield to horses. As the privileged user, this means it's up to the equestrian to think safety at all times, take control of encounters with others, and be diplomatic and polite.