

## **Rules for the Operation of the Eastern Trail--Updated 04/10/2012**

The Eastern Trail is private property and is managed by the Eastern Trail Management District, in cooperation with local municipal ordinances and enforcement.

The following rules have been adopted to ensure that all users enjoy the Eastern Trail in a safe, considerate & responsible manner. Users are encouraged to be aware of their impact on the trail and other trail users.

All outdoor activities have inherent risks. Each trail user is responsible for his or her own safety and personal comfort. It is always safer to travel with others.

1. Call 911 in an emergency. To report trail damage or concerns, contact the ETMD at [www.eastertrailmanagement.org](http://www.eastertrailmanagement.org) or the Eastern Trail Alliance at [www.eastertrail.org](http://www.eastertrail.org)
2. The Eastern Trail operates as a 24 hour per day transportation corridor.
3. Unauthorized use of motorized vehicles on the trail is prohibited, unless otherwise posted.
4. Park in designated areas only; take only the space needed and do not block other vehicles or access to trails.
5. Stay on marked trails to help prevent erosion and damage to plants. Respect the rights of public and private landowners. Take only pictures; leave only footprints.
6. Obey all traffic laws; signal & look before turning. Proper control must be maintained at all times.  
Restrict speed to safe levels appropriate for existing trail conditions and other trail users.
7. Equestrians yield to other users at a walk. Dismount your horse if necessary. Walking is the most acceptable trail gait; no gait faster than a trot. Ride to the right and in single file.
8. Equestrians, let other users know how to pass your horse safely. All users should maintain a safe distance when approaching horses from behind and allow a wide berth when passing horses on the trail.
9. Pets must be leashed and under the control of their owners at all times. Do not leave pets unattended.
10. You must clean up after your animals. If your horse makes manure, dismount and dispose of it immediately from the surface and shoulder of the trail.

11. Safety helmets are required by law for bicyclists under age 15, and are strongly recommended for all bicyclists and equestrians.
12. The discharge of a firearm, bow or device that launches a projectile is prohibited on the trail.
13. Keep trail clear when stopped.
14. Help keep the trail litter free, carry out what you carry in and clean up after those who forget.
15. No camping or open fires.
16. Body waste must be disposed of in sanitary facilities.
17. Illegal drugs and alcohol are prohibited.
18. During hunting season, users are advised to wear blaze orange and never wear visible white clothing, including helmets.
19. Any event held on the trail will require a permit from the ETMD or ETA and the municipality in which the event is being held. Please contact the ETMD or ETA web site for additional information.
20. Vendors not permitted on trail or trailheads without written permission from the ETMD.
21. The Eastern Trail may be closed, at various times during the year, due to wet weather conditions that may compromise the surface of the trail. Please refer to the ETMD or ETA web sites. Please respect all trail closings.

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