

EASTERN TRAIL EQUESTRIAN STEWARDSHIP

Statement of Purpose and Intent

It is the purpose and intent of the Eastern Trail Equestrian Stewardship to preserve and protect equestrian use of the Eastern Trail through education, networking, volunteerism and practices of being good horse neighbors.

Equestrian trail riders will be respectful of the multi-use intent of the Eastern Trail and will employ good horsemanship and land-use practices in order to ensure the safety of all users.

Equestrian Trail riders will be careful and considerate of the land where they ride, and polite to landowners and other trail users. We understand that just one rude or careless rider can end trail privileges for everyone. Therefore the Eastern Trail Equestrian Stewardship will network with area horse barns and stables in order to inform equestrian trail users of the rules and regulations of the Eastern Trail.

The Eastern Trail Equestrian Stewardship will promote the protection of the natural environment and the optimal conditions of the trail.

The Eastern Trail Equestrian Stewardship will recruit representation and volunteers from municipalities surrounding the Eastern Trail to act as liaisons with the ETMD, the ETA and help with trail clean-up days, trail guardianship and support of shared use interactions.

The Eastern Trail Equestrian Stewardship will provide representation at monthly meetings of the ETA and the ETMD.

Rules of the Trail

Equestrians are asked to obey the following Rules:

Safety:

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. Canter/lope, gallop or race speed is prohibited on the Eastern Trail.

Ride to the right and in single file when encountering other users.

All users should maintain a safe distance when approaching horses from behind.

Waste:

If your horse makes manure, dismount and dispose of it immediately from the surface and shoulder of the trail.

Trail Surface:

All users should be aware of wet weather conditions in order not to compromise the surface of the trail.