



If you choose to wear headphones, make sure you can hear what's going on around you and do not disturb other trail users.

Tread gently, or not at all, when the trails are muddy. Footprints, bike ruts and hoofprints can damage trails.

Animals on the trail can act unexpectedly. If you are unsure about approaching someone with a dog or a horse, ask the handler for guidance.

Michigan Horse Council

When enjoying multi-use trails, it is imperative that each user respect the limitations and expectations of trail users of other disciplines. Many seemingly insurmountable conflicts could be overcome if each user would take the time to become familiar with the needs and objectives of fellow trail users of a different sport.

Each sport has different requirements for its enjoyment and safety. All users should become familiar with the objectives and limitations of other kinds of trail users.

If we all work together, we can all have an enjoyable trail experience, while preserving multi-use trails for future generations to use and enjoy.

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Tips on Safely Using and Sharing Michigan's Trail System.

In our increasingly urbanized society, many trails are increasingly designated "multi-use". Hikers, Joggers, Equestrians and Bikers all need to learn safe SHARING!

Respect our trails. Clean up litter. Don't remove things that belong on the trails, or leave behind anything that doesn't.
Don't blaze new trails.

Give back to the trails. Get involved with trail maintenance groups.

On crowded trails, proceed single file, at a speed that is considerate of other trail users.

Share the Trail Tips for safe Bicycle Trail Use/Sharing

Ride on open trails only.
If you don't know, don't go.

Leave no trace.
Don't leave skidmarks, pack out your trash.

Always yield trail.
Bikes yield to all, except uphill.

Never spook animals.
Stop and ask/talk to horseback riders for directions. Beware of dogs on leashes. Horses are less likely to spook if they hear you talk.

Approach blind curves with caution.
Always think someone is around the corner.

When passing other trail users, provide adequate warning and reduce your speed. Don't pass when you can't see ahead.
Use appropriate hand signals for turning, stopping, etc.
Be a positive reflection on the bicycling community.

Share the Trail Tips for safe Equestrian Trail Use/Sharing

Ride on Equestrian trails whenever possible.
Ride on right, single file when necessary.

Leave no trace.
Don't allow your horse to paw when standing, or chew on trees.
Pack out your trash.

Be sure your horse/rider can handle the trail.
The crowded trail is no place for green horses or riders.

Not everyone knows horses. Help them understand what needs to be done to safely share the trail.

Put a red ribbon on the tail of any horse that kicks.

The parking lot is not the place to clean out your trailer.

Be a positive reflection on the horse community.