

Trail tips

Your co-operation in following rules that have been put in place to maintain our parks and trails is greatly appreciated.

- **Keep right.** Stay as near to the right side of the trail as is safe, except when passing another user.
- **Use no more than half the trail** when you are in a group or with a pet so as not to block the flow of other users. Wheeled participants (cyclists, bladders, skaters) must ride in single file unless passing.
- **Be Predictable.** Travel in a consistent and predictable manner. Always look behind before changing positions on the trail.
- **Give an audible warning before passing.** Always pass to the left. Give a clear signal by using voice, bell or horn before passing. Give the people you are passing time to respond. Watch for their reaction.
- **Pets must be on a leash.** Dogs must be leashed while in City parks, on all trails, on all occupied sports fields, and on all GRCA lands.
 - Dogs may be off leash on unoccupied sports fields from 5:00 pm to 8:00 am from September 15 to April 30.
 - Eight areas within the city have been designated as [leash free areas](#).
 - Dogs are not allowed on playgrounds or in wading pools.
 - All dog owners are asked to help maintain our parks for the enjoyment of all by cleaning up after their dog. Pet waste in compostable bags can be placed in your green bin.
- **Stopping.** When stopping, move off of the trail. Beware of others approaching you from behind and make sure they know you are pulling over.
- **Obey all traffic signs and signals.** Use extra caution where trails cross streets and driveways. Stop at all stop signs and intersections. When entering or crossing a trail yield to traffic on the trail.
- **Be respectful of private property.** Trails are open to the public, but often the land adjacent to the trail is private property. Please respect all property rights.
- **Don't litter.** Do not leave glass, paper, cans, plastic, or any other debris on or near the trail. If you drop something, please remove it immediately.
- **Alcoholic Beverages, and controlled substances are prohibited.** Don't overestimate the safety of the trail. You may need all of your reflexes quickly. Do not have them impaired.
- **Motorized vehicles** other than authorized vehicles are prohibited in parks. This includes trail bikes, mopeds, motorcycles and snowmobiles.
- **Parking** on earth or grass surfaces within City parks is prohibited – any vehicles found in violation will be ticketed.
- For the safety of everyone, activities such as **golf and archery** are not permitted in City parks.