

Share the Trail, the KCR Way

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KCR trails are a unique resource in our community allowing all members to enjoy a recreational lifestyle in a natural and scenic environment. Please respect your neighbors and open space by following these guidelines. These guidelines are intended to support *current Ken-Caryl Ranch Open Space Rules and Regulations*, not replace them.

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- Be aware of your surroundings and other trail users.
- Look up the trail, call out, and gain the attention of others in advance with a vocal warning or bell.
- Free one ear from headphones and ear buds so you can hear others.
- Most trail conflicts occur on blind turns, switch-backs, and other poor visibility areas. Be extra aware in these areas and anticipate other users around corners.

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- All users yield to and pass equestrians with care. Slow to walking speed (be prepared to stop if needed) and wait for clear instructions from the rider.
- Cyclists yield to hikers and runners. Establish verbal communication or eye contact, slow down (be prepared to stop if needed), and pass only after the other user has had a chance to safely move aside.
- Be particularly courteous when overtaking from behind, as people may not hear your approach and be startled. Establish communication. Do not simply shout "on your left" and expect others to immediately move to the right.
- All users, do not block the trail when others are attempting to pass. Move aside when it is safe to do so.
- Dogs are required to be on leashes and under control at all times.

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- Obey all signs and trail closures.
- Cyclists, do not skid or slide around turns. This damages the trail.
- Non-members cannot be given "permission" to use our trails. KCR trails are private property for the use of members and ID-bracelet-carrying houseguests only.
- Avoid muddy trails. Ruts and hoof-prints damage the trail and must be repaired.
 - *If you leave tracks, turn back:* If you're leaving tracks, then the trail is too wet. Please turn around and come back when conditions are drier. Horses are particularly damaging to wet trails.
 - *Wait 48:* It's a good rule of thumb to wait 48 hours after any significant rainfall or after snow has melted.
 - In winter, trails are generally more solid in the morning and get sloppier in the afternoon.
 - If you find yourself in mud unexpectedly, just go through it. Do not go off-trail to avoid the mud. This widens the trail, kills plants and increases erosion.