

## Special Considerations

- Be aware of weather conditions and plan accordingly.
- Avoid the Trail during extreme weather and Spring thaw that causes hard-to-eliminate footprints and tire ruts.
- Stay informed about Trail maintenance and closures to avoid surprises.
- Carry a basic emergency kit and mobile phone.
- Know how to respond in an emergency.

**Call 911 in emergencies!**



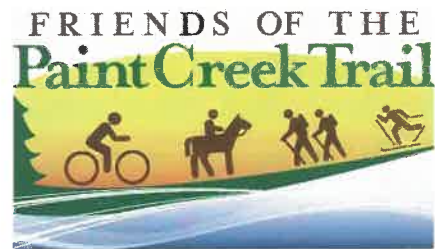
Contact the Trail office at 248-651-9260  
or email [manager@paintcreektrail.org](mailto:manager@paintcreektrail.org)  
to provide comments about the Trail, and to  
report any injuries or incidents on the Trail.

## Enjoy Your Trail Experience!



Following these safety and etiquette guidelines will help ensure a pleasant experience for everyone on the Trail.

Let's work together to create a safe and enjoyable environment for all users.  
Happy trails!



For more information and Trail conditions,  
visit the Trail website and Facebook page:

<https://paintcreektrail.org/>

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A GUIDE TO  
SAFETY & ETIQUETTE  
ON THE TRAIL

## Welcome to the Paint Creek Trail

Whether walking, cycling, running, skiing, or riding horseback, our Trail offers a fantastic opportunity to enjoy the outdoors. Following some basic guidelines is important to ensure everyone's safety and enjoyment.

### General Trail Safety Tips

#### Stay Aware

Watch out for other trail users, wildlife, and obstacles.

#### Yield Appropriately

Give the right of way to slower users.



#### Communicate

Use clear signals to indicate your intentions. Always check behind you when turning, especially if reversing direction.

#### Use Headphones with Caution

Keep one ear free for awareness of other trail users.

## Safety Guidelines for Walkers

- Stay on designated paths and keep right.
- Walk two-wide at most so others may pass safely and let cyclists know when you have heard their warning.
- Be mindful of your pets and keep them on a leash that is no longer than six feet.

## Safety Guidelines for Cyclists

Wear a properly fitted helmet placed squarely on the head and strapped securely.



Do not exceed the speed limit of 15 MPH. Slower speeds are appropriate when more caution is advisable.

Ride two-wide or single file in congested areas or when others want to pass.

Announce your presence with a friendly greeting or bell when passing, and look for a signal you have been heard.

## Safety Guidelines for Runners

- Keep right to allow faster users to pass and let cyclists know when you have heard their warning.
- Wear reflective gear or use lights in low-light conditions.

## Trail Etiquette

- Respect wildlife and refrain from disturbing plants and animals.
- Dispose of waste properly in designated bins or take it with you.
- Collect dog waste in a "baggy" and carry it to the waste bin. Do not leave on the Trail.
- Help keep portable and vault toilets clean. Close the lid and leave the door ajar.
- Avoid playing audio or speaking on the phone at a high volume others can hear.
- Keep shoes and pets off benches to avoid soiling.
- Avoid walking, running or cycling in fresh ski tracks being used by cross-country skiers.



- Keep children and pets away from the plants and boulders to avoid plant damage or personal injury.
- Use the bike rack by the Little Library; do not cycle on the garden path.