

Rules and Regulations

The rules are established to provide for the safety and welfare of all bicyclists, walkers and all others who utilize the bicycle and pedestrian trail. The rules limit the use of conflicting modes of transportation, establish a standard of trail etiquette, and provide general trail guidelines to reduce the risk of bodily injury and property damage, and to maximize compatibility of various uses.

- 1) No motor vehicles are permitted on the trail. Only Township or other authorized vehicles are permitted.
- 2) Please act and utilize the trail system responsibly. Take responsibility for the way you act when utilizing the trail system. Your actions will shape future policies regulating the use of the trail.
- 3) Always yield the trail. Make your approach known well in advance by an audible warning such as “passing on your left”.
- 4) Please stay on the trail. Be aware that the trail dissects private lands and access to these areas can be taken away if not respected.
- 5) Please keep the trail clear. Bicycles or objects may not impede or block the normal and reasonable movement of any user of the trail.
- 6) The trail is closed from dusk till dawn, consistent with the park system.
- 7) Children must be strapped into child carriers attached to or behind your bicycle and all carriers and or trailers must meet nationally accepted safety standards.
- 8.) Cyclist traveling on a road-designated trail must travel in the same direction as vehicles on the roadway.
- 9.) Cyclists traveling on a road-designated trail route at a speed less than the normal speed of vehicle traffic shall ride as close as possible to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway, except under the following circumstance:
 - a) When reasonably necessary to avoid conditions (including but not limited to, fixed or moving objects, vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards, or substandard width lanes) that make it unsafe to continue along the right-hand curb or edge. Only leave a bicycle lane when it can be done safely and then only after giving an appropriate hand signal to make vehicle operators aware of the movement.
- 8) No person operating any bicycle shall wear any headset, covering, or earplugs in both ears. There are exceptions for persons wearing personal hearing protectors designed to attenuate injurious noise levels and which do not inhibit the wearers’ ability to hear his or her surroundings when operating authorized vehicles or equipment.

- 9) No person shall operate a bicycle that is too large to allow the operator from safely stopping the bicycle, supporting it in an upright position with at least one foot on the ground, and restarting it in a safe manner. (Clarify motorcycles and motorized mountain bikes.)
- 10) Bicyclists are subject to all the rights and duties applicable to the operator of any other vehicle. A bicyclist must obey traffic lights, stop signs, one-way streets and other basic traffic laws.
- 11) Always use the trail and not the roadway, even when a usable path exists adjacent to a roadway.
- 12) A person may not operate a bicycle in a negligent manner so as to collide with a pedestrian, bicyclist or other human powered vehicle/device.
- 13) Bicycle racing is prohibited on the trail.
- 14) Please keep dogs on a leash and be prepared to remove animal waste from the trail. This rule will be strictly enforced.
- 15) No person shall throw or discharge any lighted or non-lighted cigarette, cigar, match or any flaming or glowing substance upon the trail or adjoining areas, public or private.
- 16) No person shall throw or deposit any refuse or garbage of any kind upon the trail or adjoining areas, public or private.
- 17) No special events shall be held on the trail without obtaining a written permit from the Township prior to the event. Such permit does not exempt the holder and other participants from abiding by any of the rules contained herein, and may be revoked or suspended by the Township at any time.
- 18) Pedestrians have the right-of-way on the trail. However, groups of pedestrians should form a single-file line to allow bicyclists and others to pass.
- 19) Travel at a safe speed appropriate for trail conditions. Riders should operate at a slower speed in congested areas, when visibility is limited, and around curves.
- 20) Approach each bend with caution in case there are trail users around the corner.
- 21) Pay attention to all trail markings and safety signs.
- 22) Bicyclists should ride single file.

- 23) Trails will not be cleared of snow and ice. If you choose to use the trails during the winter, always be alert for any snow or ice, and exercise extreme care in your use of the trails.
- 24) This trail has engineering and design limits. Please do not use this trail if your speed or style will endanger other users.
- 25) No person shall in any manner use fences or any other trail structures for other than its designed purpose. This includes the use of these structures for stunts of any kind.
- 26) The following are prohibited on the trail: motorized vehicles, horses, littering, camping, open fires, possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages, removing trail resources and loitering.
- 27) As specified under Section 3510 of the Pennsylvania Bicycle Regulations, no person under the age of twelve years of age shall operate or be a passenger on a pedalcycle without wearing a helmet which meets nationally accepted safety standards.
- 28) As specified under Section 3503 of the Pennsylvania Bicycle Regulations, the parent or guardian of any child shall not authorize or knowingly permit the child to violate any of the provisions of this title relating to the operation of pedalcycles.
- 29) As specified under Section 3504 of the Pennsylvania Bicycle Regulations, a person propelling a pedalcycle shall only ride upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached to the pedalcycle. Also, no pedalcycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which the pedalcycle is designed and equipped. An adult rider may transport a child in a pedalcycle child carrier, which is securely attached to the pedalcycle or in a trailer, which is towed by a pedalcycle.
- 30) As specified under Section 3506 of the Pennsylvania Bicycle Regulations, no person operating a pedalcycle shall carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the driver from keeping at least one hand upon the handlebars.
- 31) As specified under Section 3507 of the Pennsylvania Bicycle Regulations, every pedalcycle shall be equipped with a braking system, which will stop the pedalcycle within 15 feet from an initial speed of 15 miles per hour on a dry, level and clean pavement.