



Ontario Trails Council  
Conseil des sentiers de l'Ontario

Trails are a wonderful way to spend an enjoyable day, relaxing and taking in the sites. You will see all kinds of spectacular scenery and natural areas as you travel Ontario's trails. We ask that you observe these few rules of trail etiquette so that everyone's outing will be fun...and you will help preserve trails for future generations.

### **General Rules of Etiquette**

The following rules apply to all users:

1. Please stay on the main trails! Some areas have rare and sensitive plants and small animals that can be easily damaged or destroyed. Don't make new trails or use unmarked (unsigned) trails.
  2. Some areas may require user fees. Please be sure to check with the Trail Association or Conservation Area and be prepared to pay a daily or weekly fee. These monies help to maintain the trail.
  3. Some trails may close seasonally. Watch and obey any trail closure signs in the area. Check the trail condition before going too far. If you are leaving tracks over 1/2" deep you really shouldn't be there. Most trails experience problems in the spring. If there are no signs posted, but weather conditions have been bad, please do not use the trail.
  4. Please stay to the right to allow other users to pass to your left.
  5. Please respect neighbouring landowners by staying off private property, and avoid excessive noise.
  6. Please leave the trail as you found it, whatever you pack in, pack out.
  7. Maintain control of your pets. Carry a leash for your dog and be prepared to use it. Some urban areas have strict leash laws.
  8. When stopping for a rest, please move to the side to allow other users room to pass on the thoroughfare.
  9. Leave the wildflowers and wildlife for others to enjoy.
  10. Please respect trail signs and use only trails that are signed for your user group. Some trails are user specific i.e. hiking or snowmobile trails.
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