APPLE CAPITAL RECREATION LOOP TRAIL

HAVE YOU OUTGROWN THE LOOP TRAIL? Trails have engineering and design limits. You must control your speed and stay alert at all times. Unless otherwise posted, the maximum trail speed is 10 m.p.h. If your speed or style endangers other users, check for alternative routes better suited to your needs.

RULES OF THE ROAD

- Control SPEED! Stay alert...Trail speed limit is 10 m.p.h. or as otherwise posted. Motorized vehicles are prohibited on all park trails.
- Keep RIGHT except to pass.
- WARN others (please say “on your left”) when passing from behind.
- Use caution around CHILDREN.
- Use no more than HALF the TRAIL when you are in a group or with a pet.
- Keep PETS on a leash and clean up after them.
- Be COURTEOUS to all users. This is a multi-use trail. Please be respectful of other users regardless of their mode, speed, or level of skill. ENCOURAGE others to be good trail users.
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TRAIL HISTORY

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TRAIL ETIQUETTE

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, bladers, 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. Always clean up after your pet. Pets and domestic animals are prohibited in designated wildlife and sensitive habitat areas.

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.

STOPPING. When stopping, move off the trail. Beware of others approaching you from behind and make sure they know you are pulling over.

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.

PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT. 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, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND LEGEND DRUGS ARE PROHIBITED. Don’t overestimate the safety of the trail. You may need all of your reflexes quickly. Do not have them impaired.

The NATURE PRESERVE portion of the trail on the east side is CLOSED from DECEMBER 1 through MARCH 1 each year.

TRAIL HOURS are DAWN to DUSK, unless otherwise posted. Unlit portions of the trail are for daylight use only.

MANY USE

Since completion in 1994, the Apple Capital Recreation Loop Trail has been a resounding success. The trail has become a major transportation corridor that serves thousands of pedestrian commuters and recreational trail users each year. The trail system can at times be busy with cyclists, walkers, joggers and skaters. In the winter months, cross country skiers and snowshoers also share the trail. Motorized vehicles are prohibited on all park trails.

Regardless of whether you are bicycling, walking, jogging, skating or skiing, if you follow the same set of rules as everyone else, your trip will be safer and more enjoyable for all.