

Nakusp-Kaslo Trail Etiquette

Access Rights Carry Responsibilities

These trails are public resources and, where conditions permit, they accommodate many types of use. They are ours to enjoy, but our right to use them depends on our using and sharing them **responsibly**. Disrespect for other users, the trail environment or adjacent landowners may result in curtailment or loss of access privileges.

Consider and Respect -

- Other users**
 - **Be friendly!** Whatever our means of locomotion, we all share a common appreciation of this trail system, even though we may experience it differently.
 - **Observe user precedence** – yield to horses first, then hikers, bikers & motorized vehicles in that order
 - **Observe any restrictions on type of use** – they are imposed for reasons of safety, practical construction and maintenance constraints and to limit environmental or social impacts.
 - **Notify others if overtaking** and pass only if safe
 - **Control dogs** (leash them when approaching others)

- Adjacent Landowners & Residents**
 - **Stay on the established trail and off adjacent private property**
 - **Minimize noise disturbance** near residences and domestic animals
 - **Organize any stops** at locations well away from residences and domestic animals

- Vegetation**
 - **Avoid trampling or damaging plants** off the trail track
 - **Avoid spreading noxious weeds** such as knapweed
 - **Light fires only in designated sites** and observe any fire restrictions
 - **Beware of fire hazards** from hot motors

- Wildlife**
 - **Avoid harassing or alarming wildlife** and keep pets under control
 - **Be wary** in bear habitat and signal your approach to avoid surprises

- Water Quality**
 - **Use toilets** provided
 - **Travel lightly** in wet or muddy trail sections
 - **Protect water quality** along the trail

- Scenic Quality**
 - **Don't litter** – pick it up, pack it out – including dog waste on the trail
 - As much as possible, **leave no negative traces** of your passing

- Heritage Features & Artifacts**
 - **Leave heritage objects where you find them** so that others can also appreciate them on site. Make photographs your souvenirs!
 - **Don't deface or damage abandoned structures** – they're already having a rough enough time from the natural elements!

Be Safe and Sensible

- **Watch and listen** for other users
- **Limit** bike and motorized vehicle **speeds** to allow for trail conditions, sight lines, other users and wildlife
- **Reduce risks and hazards** to travelers on the trail track whenever practical by clearing brush, branches and windfalls you encounter.
- **Be careful** in areas where natural hazards like rocks and sharp drop-offs may pose risks.
- **Beware of hazards** in the old mine workings and abandoned structures along the route.