

East Goshen Township Parks and Recreation

Trail Use Guidance and Etiquette

Applicability:

- A. Township trails south of Paoli Pike (Applebrook Park & the Paoli Pike Trail) are multi-modal. Walking, bikes, e-bikes, scooters, skateboards and rollerblades and other non-gas powered modes of transportation are allowed. All pedestrians must adhere to the below speed limits regardless of method of travel.
- B. Township trails in East Goshen Township Park are for walking only. They do not meet the national 10' wide width standards for multi-modal trails.

Trail Use Guidance:

- A. Stay to the right side of the trail and pass on the left.
- B. Yield when entering the trail and at all trail intersections.
- C. Operate a bicycle as close to the right-hand curb or right-hand side of the path, trail or roadway as conditions will permit.
- D. All pets must be on a 6ft. leash or shorter at all times on Township property, including the trails. Walk your pet directly next to your body and do not take up the width of the trail. Clean up after your pets and place in trash receptacles.
- E. Take trash with you or place in trash receptacles. Do not litter.
- F. Be aware of your surroundings. Avoid looking at your cell phone and minimize headphone usage that impairs your ability to hear.

Additional safety and etiquette guidelines for those on bicycles:

1. Speed limit is 15 MPH.
2. Slower bikes STAY right.
3. Stop and obey all traffic signs.
4. Stop at all cross walks and only cross when safely able to do so.
5. When passing someone, make an audible sign well in advance, ie. "*Passing on your left.*"
6. State law mandates anyone under the age of 12 must wear a helmet when riding a bicycle and strongly encourages everyone to wear a helmet.
7. Be courteous to those on foot, pedestrians have the right-of-way.

The following is prohibited:

- A. Operating any bicycle while upon any path, trail or roadway to carry any person upon the handlebar or frame of the bicycle, except in the case where a bicycle is equipped to carry more than one person.

B. Operating a bicycle upon such paths, trails or roadways before sunrise and after sunset unless otherwise permitted.

C. Leaving or parking any bicycle upon any road or parking lot that is open to the public on which motor vehicles may be driven.

D. Leaving or parking bicycles in walkways or active play areas, unless using appropriate racks when available.

E. Riding or operating a bicycle, or mountain bicycle on grass, hillsides, steep slopes, in play areas, in picnic areas, on ball fields, or in congested areas.

*F. Operating a bicycle upon any path or trail which is designed or designated for pedestrian use only. The East Goshen Township Park (EGTP; north side of Paoli Pike) is a pedestrian use only trail. **Bicycles are allowed on the driveway of EGTP, following all applicable vehicular laws.***

G. Motorized vehicles, to include motorized carts, except when used in an ADA capacity, are prohibited from the Township trail system. This includes, but is not limited to, traditional motor vehicles and ATVs.

H. Trespassing onto properties adjacent to the trail or onto other private property.