

# Rules to ride / Rules to hike

## A forest etiquette guide for all forest users...

**#1 Please do not disturb:** Behave quietly, respectfully, and prudently. Be mindful of the needs of other visitors as well as wildlife habitat to create a harmonious atmosphere in the forest and maintain the natural balance.

**#2 Behave Considerately When Encountering Others:** Be considerate of pedestrians: whether bicyclists, equestrians, hikers, or walker, the forest is for everyone.

**#3 Do not leave trash lying around:** Throw your trash in the designated trash cans or take it home after your visit. Even the smallest trash can be a danger to animals.

**#4 Fire prohibited! :** There is a general ban on smoking in the forest. Fires in and at the edge of the forest can lead to worshipping forest fires. Barbecues and fires are only allowed in officially designated areas.

**#5 Stay on designated trails:** Follow marked trails and trail signs. These serve your orientation and prevent you from getting lost. Do not leave the marked path to protect the environment.

**#6 Watch for signs and barriers:** Signs along a trail may contain important information, respect these signs and follow the instructions written on them.

**#7 Respect nature:** Respect the trees and their development by not causing damage to them, such as snapping branches or sawing off parts. Also note that picking mushrooms, berries and other natural resources is restricted to limited quantities to ensure that the ecological balance of the forest is maintained and that there is enough food for animals and other visitors.

**#8 Be respectful of the forest and others:** Don't damage recreation facilities, sports fields, or trails, and don't place branches or obstacles to make it difficult for others to get around. Be mindful to respect the community use of the forest and ensure the safety of all visitors.

**#9 Keep your dog close to you or on a leash:** If you take your dog into the woods, keep it close to you or on a leash. This is to protect wildlife and other forest visitors.

**#10 Don't look the other way at misbehavior:** Treat others respectfully in the forest by politely pointing out misbehavior, sharing information, explaining rules, and reporting incidents when appropriate to create a positive environment for all. Be a role model for respectful behavior by following the rules yourself and showing patience and empathy to find constructive solutions.

