



LABRADOR CITY

TANYA TRAIL ETIQUETTE

Trail Etiquette

Being aware of proper trail etiquette can make or break yours or someone else's experience outdoors. If you have ever found yourself held up in a traffic jam, come up upon other walkers and wondered what the best way is to engage with another passerby on a walk/hike, you are certainly not alone.

With more people getting outside, [especially now](#) during the Covid-19 pandemic, knowing the ins and outs of what good trail etiquette looks like is important for maintaining a positive atmosphere on the trail for all to enjoy.

Since the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic, the walking trail has been designated one-way walking, clockwise around the lake, as suggested by the provincial health authority, to reduce the interaction with others on the trail. If you are walking at a faster pace than others in front, simply ask if they would mind you passing them; or if you are walking at a slower pace and someone comes up from behind, please just move to the side and allow them to pass and continue with their pace. Trail etiquette is synonymous with common courtesy!

Trail Guidance (Bicycles)

Providing a safe environment for residents to enjoy a walk with family, friends and pets is the primary goal of the Tanya Trail. With the understanding that some families may choose to bring their younger children's bicycle to assist in learning to ride or exercise together at a slower (walking) pace and within sight of their adult leader, the Trails are not designed for larger size bicycles at higher speeds. These create safety issues for people with strollers, pets and walkers themselves.



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What is Trail Etiquette for Dogs?

Even your pooch isn't exempt from the rules of the trail! Always hike on dog-friendly trails and keep your furry friend on a leash. When another walker approaches — dog or dog-less — make sure your dog is under your command and step to the side. Be polite and let them know if your dog is friendly or not.

As a part of the [Leave No Trace principles](#), always clean up after your dogs and keep them on the trail. Do not let them bother the wildlife or trample on flora and fauna, and PLEASE don't leave your poop bags lying around for others to pick up (even if you intend to pick it up on the way out). That is the definition of poor trail etiquette.

Leave No Trace

An important part of following trail etiquette includes the guiding principles of [Leave No Trace](#). In the outdoors, it's just as important to consider your etiquette towards people as it is to the wildlife and the environment around you. This frame of mind helps all of us take better care of our wild places and recreate with respect and responsibility by being accountable for our actions.

Pick Up & Dispose of Trail Trash

Always carry in and carry out your trash, recyclables and food waste, or dispose of into provided garbage receptacles and make sure you are following Leave No Trace principles when it comes trail trash including pet waste. But carrying out trash shouldn't just be limited to your own. If you find other trash on the trail that others left behind, pick up and dispose of it too. Leave it better than you found it!

Got any questions? Something we missed?

We want to know the best ways that you practice trail etiquette outdoors.