

Trail Etiquette and Safety

- Keep right when meeting skiers - When skiing on groomed trails or roads it's OK to spread out. Be aware of other skiers, skaters and snowshoers.
- Always look before changing positions on the trail. Anticipate other trail users around corners or in blind spots.
- Listen for other skiers. Listening to music can impede safe skiing.
- When stopped, step to the side, out of tracks. Do not stand in the skate lane.
- Do not ski the wrong way on one way trails. Keep to the right on two-way trails.
- Yield the trail to skiers that overtake you from behind or ask for the "track".
- If you are skiing fast and come upon slower skiers, please reduce your speed while you pass on their left - then take off again once you have passed them. Think of other skiers as yield signs.
- Please let others know that you are approaching them from behind by politely calling out "trail" or "on your left".
- Downhill skiers have the right-of-way. When climbing, give way to descending skiers.

- If you fall, please get off the trail as soon as you can.
- Fill in sitzmarks - When you fall, it can leave a hole in the snow. Fill it in the best you can.
- Do not walk or snowshoe on groomed cross-country ski tracks. If you see a snowshoer walking in your tracks, politely remind them. Many times snowshoers are new to winter sports and don't know the etiquette.
- Respect trail closures; use only trails posted open. Obey all posted signs. Do not cut switchbacks or use shortcuts.
- Learn and use appropriate hand signals. Motorized users often cannot hear voice signals.
- Move off trail to allow grooming equipment to pass.
- Do not take dogs on groomed cross country ski trails. Use only designated multi-use trails. If you take you dog on a road ski...scoop!
- Do not skate on diagonal (classic ski) tracks.
- Respect the wildlife. Enjoy watching but don't hassle them.
- Know the trail difficulty symbols and ski within your abilities.

