







Trail Etiquette

-  **Know your right of way. Hikers coming uphill have the right of way. Bicyclists yield to hikers and horses or other pack stock. Hikers yield to horse, other pack stock and cattle.**
-  **Make yourself known. When you encounter other hikers and trail users, offer a friendly “hello” or a head nod. This helps create a friendly atmosphere on the trail.**
-  **Do not disturb wildlife. They need their space, and you need yours, too. Keep your distance from the wildlife you encounter**
-  **Many of the trails traverse open range land. Be aware that you may encounter cattle especially when ranchers are moving cattle.**
-  **Practice Leave No Trace principles. Leave rocks, vegetation, and artifacts where you find them. Be careful when stepping off the trail as going off trail can damage or kill certain plant or animal species.**
-  **Be mindful of trail conditions. If a trail is too wet and muddy, turn back. Using a muddy trail can be dangerous, damage the trail’s condition, and the surrounding ecosystems.**



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-  **Regulations and guidelines for recreation on public lands**
-  **Extended trail descriptions**
-  **Local geography**

