



What to Know . . .

Bikes & HORSES on the Road



If a BIKE is your source
Or you ride a HORSE
Here are a few simple guidelines for CYCLISTS
and EQUESTRIANS to be SAFE and
RESPECTFUL when sharing trails or roads.

<https://www.vthorsecouncil.org>

Whichever saddle you ride in, remember:

CYLISTS ~ think **BIKE**

B - Brake

I - Introduce Yourself

K - Kindness; Keep Wide and Slow When Passing

E - Engage and Exit

EQUESTRIANS ~ think **HORSE**

H - Halt; or Move to a Slow Walk

O - Organize Your Mount

R - Respond; Relay any Helpful Information or Directions

S - Share and Smile; No One Owns the Road

E - Engage and Exit

Bicyclists should always yield to Equestrians regardless of the direction. Horses are powerful animals with a mind of their own. They can spook easily if startled causing potential danger to both themselves, their rider, and the passing cyclist.

- When approaching, announce yourself. In a calm voice, say a friendly “hello”. Be prepared to stop. Ask if it is OK to pass.
- Listen and follow directions from rider.
- Do not use a bell or horn. Sudden or loud sounds and blinking lights may frighten horses.
- Keep your movements slow and steady while around horses.
- Be aware that some horses may be comfortable around bicyclists and some may not.
- Equestrians, be appreciative of Cyclists efforts. We both have the right to share and enjoy the trails!