

Trail Etiquette Suggestions



Walking, rollerblading and bicycling are great ways to enjoy the beautiful Legacy Trail and other trails. Sarasota County is becoming a top walkable and bikeable friendly community. Enjoy Sarasota County's terrific walking and biking opportunities in a safe and courteous way.

BE PREDICTABLE, BE ALERT, BE COURTEOUS.

Pedestrians:

Walk on the far right, no more than two abreast.

Dog walkers:

Walk right and curb your dogs to the grass. They must be on a leash.

Bicyclists:

- a. Wear a helmet for protection and carry a cell phone for emergencies.
- b. Announce in a loud voice "On your left" or ring your bell before passing other cyclists or pedestrians.
- c. Keep your speed low in crowded areas and be prepared to stop.
- d. When pedestrian traffic is heavy, walk your bike.
- e. Stop at all intersections, especially at crosswalks.
- f. Don't race or engage in time trials on trails.
- g. Form a single file line when approaching oncoming pedestrians or cyclists.
- h. Wear reflective clothing and blinking lights in low-light conditions.
- i. Cyclists on your way to the Trail remember that in Florida a bicycle in the roadway is legally defined as a vehicle and the cyclist must obey the same traffic laws as do operators of motor vehicles.
- j. Get in the habit of using hand signals to indicate direction change, and for safety's sake, always remember that you are "invisible" to motorists.
- k. Courtesy always enhances one's ride as a smile and a greeting.