

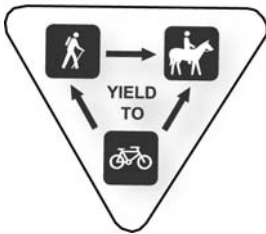
# YIELDING

## 6.4.1.A.C.25 Failure to Yield Right-Of-Way:

It shall be unlawful for any trail user to fail to yield to other trail users in the manner defined by Open Space while on Open Space lands. Fine: \$50.00

## Open Space Yielding Definition

All users yield to equestrians. Bicyclists and all other non-motorized wheeled modes of travel yield to pedestrians. Trail users traveling downhill yield to like trail users traveling uphill. **Yielding the right-of-way requires bikers to slow down, to communicate and to pass safely. If unable to establish communication, bikers are required to stop.**



## Verbal Communication

Verbal contact includes greetings such as “Good-morning”, “Hello” etc... **stay away from phrases like “On your left”**, which indicates that YOU have the right-of-way.

## Courtesy

Just because one user group has the right-of-way in any given situation does not mean that courtesy is not important. Many times users will yield even when it is not THEIR RESPONSIBILITY to do so. By acknowledging their courtesy you will continue to build a good rapport with other user groups.

## Mountain Bikers Approaching All Other Trail Users

- ◆ Bicyclists must yield trail right-of-way to all other trail users **regardless of trail width and condition.**
- ◆ Slow down to a safe, walking speed and announce yourself in a calm manner as soon as you see another trail user and they are within hearing distance.
- ◆ Continue to announce yourself until the other trail user acknowledges you. **Be prepared to STOP**, unless it is clearly indicated to you that it is safe for you to pass.

## Mountain Bikers Approaching Mountain Bikers

- ◆ Bicyclists headed downhill yield to bicyclists headed uphill.



## Hikers Approaching Equestrians

- ◆ When approaching horses from behind, begin to make verbal contact in advance, in a calm manner so you don't startle the horses.
- ◆ Make sure the horse riders have indicated to you when it is safe for you to pass, and do so slowly.

## Equestrians

- ◆ You have the right-of-way in all circumstances. It is your responsibility to let other users know if it is safe to pass your horse and to demonstrate courtesy while on the trail.