

# RESPONSIBLE USE OF THE RIDGELAND MULTI-USE TRAIL



The City of Ridgeland is fortunate to have one of America's best multi-use trail systems. Work on Ridgeland's Multi-Use Trail started in the late 1990's and still continues today. With the latest addition, Ridgeland's Multi-Use Trail now spans over seven miles.

Ridgeland's Multi-Use Trail meanders through beautiful wooded areas in the vicinity of Highway 51, Rice Road, Highland Colony Parkway and the Natchez Trace. In fact,

much of the trail is on Natchez Trace property and runs several miles adjacent to the Trace.

The citizens of Ridgeland indeed are fortunate to have this wonderful Trail System. We should all understand and appreciate this treasure.

Along with this, we should also understand and appreciate how Ridgeland's Multi-Use Trail System should be used. We must know and observe trail rules and trail etiquette at all times.

- The trail is for biking, running or walking only. No motorized vehicles are allowed on the trail. Horseback riding is not allowed.
- All dogs must be on a leash. Please pick up after you pet.
- Walkers, runners and cyclists must interact in a way that is safe, responsible and courteous.
- Walkers, runners and cyclists should go with the flow of traffic – that is, all to the right (this applies to pets, also).
- Cyclists approaching walkers and runners should let the walkers and runners know that they are approaching from behind and are about to pass. Think about saying, "Rider back" and/or "Rider passing on your left." Cyclists should then consider slowing down.
- Cyclists should always wear a helmet.
- Bright clothing should always be worn. This promotes visibility on the trail and at intersections.
- Observe all intersection rules and signs.
- Always carry ID.
- Wear ipods in one ear only. Remember, you must be aware and alert.
- Use extreme caution if you are on the trail at dusk or at night. You should have lights on your bike and/or on your person.
- Use extreme caution in wet, cloudy and windy conditions.
- Be a steward of the trail. Keep it clean and clear of trash, limbs or other obstacles. Pick up any trash you see and move any limbs fallen on the trail.
- In general, respect the trail and those who use it. Observe the courtesy, conduct and etiquette that your mom and third grade teacher taught you.

- Jim Ballard, Owner of Indian Cycle -