

THE FOOTHILLS TRAIL



The Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition is dedicated to assisting Pierce County Parks and Recreation, local communities and other interested parties in developing and maintaining a countywide non-motorized trail system.

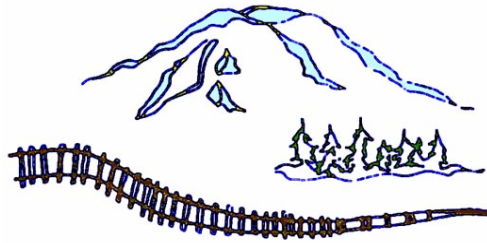
The Foothills Trail is a 12-foot wide non-motorized asphalt linear park/trail suitable for bicycles, walking, in-line skates and wheel chairs. It also has a soft shoulder path for horses. When completed, the Foothills Trail will extend from Puyallup 30 miles through McMillin, Orting, and South Prairie to Buckley with a branch from Cascade Junction, near South Prairie, to Wilkeson and Carbonado.

Our ultimate goal is a continuous trail from Mount Rainier to Commencement Bay. A branch from Puyallup will connect through Sumner to the Interurban Trail and the interconnected King County trail system. The trail in Buckley will continue east to Enumclaw and King County. While construction of the trail is an ongoing process, thousands of users are already enjoying its benefits and beauty.

Foothills Rails-to-Trail Coalition

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To receive a map and information on the trail, or for a Coalition membership form, send a self-addressed envelope to the above address or visit our website.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



Pierce County Department of
Parks and Recreation

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HORSEBACK RIDING ON THE FOOTHILLS TRAIL



TRAIL COURTESY & SAFETY

FOOTHILLS RAILS-TO-TRAIL COALITION
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It's important to realize that other trail users may not be familiar with horses or their reactions to new experiences. Your horse may be another trail users first introduction to horses. What you do is a reflection of the local horse community. Cheerfully answer questions about your horse. You are an ambassador for the entire equestrian community. With this in mind please abide by the following guidelines.



1. Make sure your horse has the temperament and training for riding on congested public trails. Busy multi-use trails are not the proper place for schooling green horses.
2. Leave the parking area cleaner than you found it. Put any droppings, hay and garbage back in your trailer.
3. Use common sense in crowded areas.
4. Cantering/galloping on crowded trails endangers everyone.
5. Dismount and remove your horse from the trail if you begin experiencing behavior problems.
6. Stay on the equestrian trail provided to the side of the asphalt.
7. Dismount to cross bridges and wait until other users are clear before crossing.

8. If your horse needs to relieve himself always dismount and kick droppings off the trail.
9. Protect the trail environment. Do not remove things that belong on trails or blaze new trails. Carry out your litter.
10. Tie only to designated hitching posts or your trailer and don't leave horses unattended.
11. City ordinance in Orting states that horses are not allowed in the park except in designated areas or by special permit. (The hitching post in the Orting City Park is to the north of the rest rooms). Riding on city streets or sidewalks is also prohibited on Washington St. from Whitesell St. to Bridge St.; and on Van Scoyoc St. from Calistoga Ave. to Bridge St.; unless a permit was issued by the City Clerk. Check other cities for their respective ordinances.
12. All dogs must be on a leash.
13. Become the eyes and ears of the trail system. Inform other equestrians of these guidelines.
14. Give back to the trails you use - volunteer to get involved with the Foothills Trails Coalition.



By following these guidelines and using common sense, horses will be a welcome sight on the Foothills Trail. Please do not jeopardize the privilege of riding on the trail by giving other users a reason to complain. Please assist us in informing other horse riders of "Trail Courtesy and Safety".



Courtesy Patrol

Several dedicated Foothills volunteers can be found on the trail nearly every day. Usually wearing bright yellow jackets or vests and riding bicycles, they carry minor first aid supplies and a wealth of information.

Report any suspicious activities or unsafe conditions and they will forward the information to the appropriate authorities.