

THE MONTOUR TRAIL

Trail Rules for ALL USERS

All trail users are expected to obey the following rules, which are posted at all major trailheads:

1. **Speed limit 15 mph**
2. **No motorized vehicles or devices**
The only exceptions are emergency and police vehicles, trail maintenance equipment, and approved powered mobility devices and e-bikes that comply with the MTC's transportation policies.
3. **Keep right except to pass**
4. **Warn before passing**
5. **Stay on Trail property**
6. **Trail open daily, dawn to dusk**
7. **Camp only in designated areas**
8. **Leash and clean up after your pet**
9. **No hunting**
10. **No horses**
Except in specific parts of Cecil Township.

Visit [MontourTrail.org](https://montourtrail.org) for full rules and policies.

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A Trail for Everyone, No Matter Their Abilities!

People with physical disabilities are welcome to use the Montour Trail, and the Council's mobility-impaired policies address their special needs.

- Wheelchairs are always permitted, whether powered or not.
- Other powered mobility devices are allowed if they are less than 36 inches wide and travel less than 15 mph under their own power on a level surface.

E-bikes, which are pedal bicycles or tricycles with an electric assist motor, must meet certain conditions:

- Operate only in 'pedal assist' mode
- Power rating less than 750 watts
- Weight under 100 pounds, and width under 36".

All other electric powered devices or vehicles are prohibited on the Trail.

Devices or vehicles powered by internal combustion engines are never permitted on the Montour Trail, except for emergency and police vehicles, and trail maintenance equipment.

All users must comply with the posted 15 mph speed limit.



**Be nice!
Share
the
trail**

About the Montour Trail

The picturesque Montour Trail is the longest suburban rail-trail in the U.S., encompassing 63 miles.

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Running through communities west and south of Pittsburgh, the trail follows the abandoned rights of way of the Montour Railroad and the Peters Creek branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The Montour Trail connects to Pittsburgh International Airport, the Great Allegheny Passage (GAP), and the Panhandle Trail.

Founded in 1989, the Montour Trail Council is the volunteer-led organization responsible for building, maintaining, managing, and promoting the Trail.

**Support the trail by becoming a member!
Visit [MontourTrail.org](https://montourtrail.org) to find out how.**

Montour Trail Council is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. All donations are tax-deductible to the full extent allowable by law.

SAFETY GUIDELINES

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Trail Safety and Etiquette Guide

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Welcome to the Montour Trail

The Montour Trail is a beautiful and accessible resource for all visitors. It's important for all of us to respect others while on the trail. This ensures a safe and pleasurable environment for everyone while we all enjoy the great opportunities that the trail has to offer.

Whether you are walking, jogging, bicycling, or skiing, we hope that you will embrace the trail's safety rules. This brochure summarizes the rules for trail use, along with some simple guidelines to help visitors to feel comfortable while on the trail.

Emergencies on the Trail

If there is an emergency on the trail, CALL 911 and give the dispatcher the nearest mile number.

Mile posts are every half mile along the trail. Local Emergency Services are familiar with the trail and will respond appropriately. You may also encounter Montour Trail Patrol / Ambassadors (identified by their jersey, t-shirt or armband). They may be able to assist you.

Cyclists

Remember to wear your helmet! PA state law requires those under 12 to wear one.



Maintain safe speed

The trail speed limit is 15 mph. Be prepared to react to kids and pets, as they can be unpredictable!

"On your left"

Warn before passing



Keep right and warn before passing by calling out "On your left" or ringing a bell. Be sure to warn early enough for others to respond and be aware that they may react in a way you don't expect!



Keep right except to pass

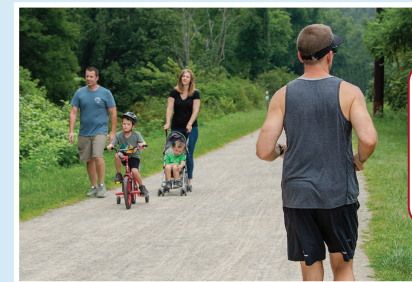
Don't block the trail. Instead, ride single file in congested areas or when others are approaching.



Standing still? Step aside

When stopping, move to the right and step off the trail so that other users can proceed.

Walkers & Runners



All users keep right

The trail is different than walking on a road. All users should KEEP RIGHT except when passing others.

Be nice! Share the trail

Share the trail and walk or run in single file in congested areas or when approaching others. Be careful and stay aware of other users ESPECIALLY when using headphones.



"On your left"



Warn before passing

Be predictable. Check and call out to others before turning around or passing. Be sure to warn early enough for others to respond and note that they may react in a way you don't expect!

When stopping to chat or enjoy nature, move to the right and step off the trail.

Standing still? Step aside



Users with Pets

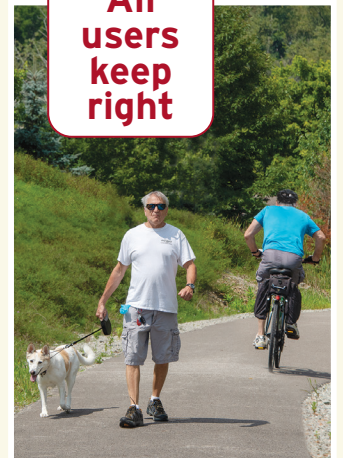


6-foot leash max

All pets must be on a leash with a maximum length of six (6) feet. Keep your pets under control.

As with all other trail users, pet walkers should KEEP RIGHT. Be predictable and share the trail: check before allowing your pet to cross the trail. Do not allow the leash to stretch across the trail and block or create a safety hazard for other users.

All users keep right



Standing still? Step aside

When stopping to chat or enjoy nature, move off the trail WITH YOUR PET so that other users can proceed.

Clean up after pets



ALWAYS clean up after your pets. Bag the waste and TAKE IT WITH YOU. (Waste left behind creates an unsightly and unsanitary mess.)