Trail Rules for ALL USERS

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

1. No motorized vehicles
2. Keep right, except to pass
3. Warn before passing
4. Stay on the trail
5. Camp only in designated areas
6. No horses
7. No hunting

Except in Cecil Township between Hendersonville (Morganza Road) and Venice (PA 980). Horses must stay off the improved limestone surface where possible and the rider must clean up after his/her mount.

9. No motorized vehicles

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 devices with an electric assist motor, must meet certain conditions: power rating less than 750 watts, weight under 100 pounds, and top speed 15 mph.
• Devices powered by internal combustion engines are never permitted on the Montour 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.

About the Montour Trail

Honored by the Pennsylvania Department of Natural Resources as the state’s 2017 Trail of the Year, the Montour Trail is the longest suburban rail-trail in the U.S., encompassing 63 miles.

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 Pittsburgh International Airport to the Great Allegheny Passage (GAP), which joins up with the C&O Canal Towpath that leads to Washington, DC.

The Montour Trail Council was founded in 1989 and is the all-volunteer organization responsible for building and maintaining the trail.

Support the trail by becoming a member! Visit www.MontourTrail.org to find out how.
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.

**Cyclists**

Remember to wear your helmet!

**Maintain safe speed**

Maintain a safe speed. Be prepared to react to other users on the trail – remember that kids and pets can be unpredictable.

**Warn before passing**

Keep right and warn before passing by ringing a bell or calling out (“On your left”). Be sure to warn early enough for others to react.

**Keep right except to pass**

Don’t block the trail; ride single file when in congested areas.

**Standing still? Step aside**

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

**Walkers & Runners**

Many users enjoy jogging or walking on the trail. All users should KEEP RIGHT. (The trail is different than walking on a road.)

**All users keep right**

Be sure to share the trail and walk or run single file when in congested areas. Stay aware of other users – be very careful when wearing headphones.

**“On your left”**

Be predictable. Check before turning around or passing others. Call out to warn others before passing.

**Standing still? Step aside**

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

**Clean up after pets**

ALWAYS clean up after your pets. Waste should be bagged and removed from the trail. (Waste left behind creates an unsightly and unsanitary mess.)

**Users with Pets**

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

As with all other users, pet walkers should KEEP RIGHT on the trail. Be predictable and share the trail: check before allowing your pet to cross the trail, particularly in congested areas.

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- Leash your pet
- Trail open daily, dawn to dusk
- No hunting on trail
- Camp in designated areas
- Stay on trail

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