SHARE THE TRAIL

User Guidelines for Multi-Use Trails
Multi-use trails have become very popular. A consequence of their success is congestion. With this, a major issue has become safety. Whether you cycle, walk, jog, skate, e-bike/scooter, push a stroller or walk a dog, if you follow the same set of rules as everyone else, your experience will be safer and more enjoyable. Please follow these guidelines when using Plano’s multi-use trails.

BE COURTEOUS
All users, including bicyclists, joggers, walkers, wheelchairs, skaters and skateboarders, as well as well as e-bike and e-scooter users should be respectful of other users, regardless of their mode, speed, or level of skill.

BE PREDICTABLE
Travel in a consistent and predictable manner. Always look behind before changing position on the trail.

KEEP RIGHT
Stay to the RIGHT side of the trail as is safe except when passing another user.

PASS ON THE LEFT
Pass others going in your direction on their LEFT. Look ahead and back to make sure the lane is clear before pulling out. Pass with ample separation and do not move back to the right until safely past. Faster traffic in any mode of travel (especially e-bikes and e-scooters) is always responsible for yielding to slower and on-coming traffic.

GIVE AUDIBLE SIGNAL BEFORE PASSING
Give a clear warning signal before passing. A frequently used warning announced loudly is “PASSING ON YOUR LEFT”. A clear warning signal may also be produced by bell or horn.

DON’T BLOCK THE TRAIL
When in a group, avoid using more than half the trail. Keep pets on a short leash and to the right of the trail. When stopping, move off the trail.

WEAR A HELMET
All bicyclists as well as e-bike and e-scooter users should wear a properly fitting helmet while riding on trails and public streets.

YIELD WHEN ENTERING & CROSSING TRAILS
When entering or crossing a trail, yield to traffic on the trail.

STOP AT STOP SIGNS
Bicyclists as well as e-bike and e-scooter users are required to observe all posted signs and follow all traffic laws.
REMOVE LITTER
Please do not leave glass, paper, cans or any other debris on or near a trail. If you drop something, please remove it immediately.

NIGHT USE
From dusk until dawn bicycles, e-bikes, and e-scooters should be equipped with a white light visible from 500 feet to the front and a red or amber light or reflector visible from five-hundred feet to the rear. Reflective clothing is recommended for all trail users at night.

HAVE YOU OUTGROWN TRAILS?
City of Plano trails maintain a maximum speed of 15 mph. If your speed or style endangers others users, seek alternative routes better suited to you needs. Selecting the right location is safer and more enjoyable for everyone.

CITY ORDINANCES
Bicyclists are required to follow traffic laws—City Code, Ch. 12.
Dogs must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet and within control of the owner at all times—City Code, Ch. 4.
Dog owners must pick up after their pets—City Code, Ch. 4.
No alcohol or open containers are allowed on park property. Permits are available for special events—City Code, Ch. 15.
City park hours are 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.—City Code, Ch. 15.

Thanks for making Plano’s trails fun, safe and enjoyable for all users!

This information is adapted from the model Path Users Ordinance developed by the International Bicycle Fund, http://www.ibike.org.