

RTA Rules of Conduct

The guidelines below will provide the framework necessary to ensure that RTA's riding and hiking privileges on private and public space are preserved.

1. THE RIGHTS OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS, ACROSS WHOSE LAND WE ARE PERMITTED TO TRAIL RIDE HORSES OR HIKE MUST BE RESPECTED AT ALL TIMES! Remember that you are a guest on the land. When you meet landowners be courteous and let them know how much you appreciate the pleasure they are providing you. ONE irresponsible person can cause the closing of a trail to all members!
2. Wear your ID tags at all times on the trails. Privileges are issued on an annual basis, subject to revocation if discourtesies, trail abuse and/or violations of the code of conduct occur.
3. TRAIL RIDE HORSES AND HIKE THE ASSOCIATION TRAILS ONLY! Riders and hikers must not wander from marked trails and must stay close to the edge of farmers' fields whether in crop or not. You MUST respect "TRAIL CLOSED" signs! Do not use any landowners' schooling facilities, jumps, rings, training tracks, or ball playing fields whether on township or school property.
4. NO UNAUTHORIZED MOTORIZED VEHICLES ARE PERMITTED ON THE TRAILS.
5. NO LOOSE PETS ARE PERMITTED ON THE TRAILS. Readington Township allows hikers to have dogs on 6-foot leashes.
6. Do not jump obstacles unless necessary to do so in order to follow the trail. Do not lower or impair any fences you have PERMISSION to jump.
7. Please report any damage or repairs needed to trails/fences throughout the year to the Trail Boss Coordinator.
8. FOR SAFETY'S SAKE, horse riders are highly recommended to wear helmets and proper riding shoes/footwear. **All riders must wear blaze orange during hunting season.**
9. Horseback riders and hikers assume their own risk when horseback riding, hiking or clearing trails.
10. Be thoughtful of landowners' privacy. Dress appropriately and keep conversations civil and at a speaking volume. Walk horses down any driveway or trail that passes close to a house, or by any pasture where you might disturb livestock.
11. Active participation to maintain trails and run Readington Trail Association is required of all members to make the trail system a success.
12. NO USE OF TRAILS AFTER DAYLIGHT HOURS !
13. NO littering, cooking/fires or camping on the trails.
14. NO SMOKING OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL ALLOWED ON TRAILS.