

# Respect Other Trail Users and Adjacent Landowners

## #1. Know and Follow the Rules

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dogs on leash</li> <li>- E-bikes in accordance with BC Motor Assisted Cycle Regulation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Unauthorized vehicles</li> <li>- Overnight camping</li> <li>- Open fires</li> </ul>

## #2. Stay Right - Pass Left




Use single file when passing.







Call out or ring bike bell before passing from behind.

## #3. Mind your Pets


Keep dogs on short leash and pick up after them.



## #4. Standing Still? Step Aside







## #5. Use Safe Speeds





Slow down in congested areas

## #6. Be Alert



Watch for the unexpected.



Respect private property and farmlands. Please do not trespass.



# Volunteer for the Trail

If you are passionate about the trail, consider volunteering with the Friends of Okanagan Rail Trail and help with:

- Welcoming users
- Caring for the trailside environment
- Fundraising for amenities and improvements
- Keeping our communities engaged with this treasured corridor.

Email [volunteer@okanaganrailtrail.ca](mailto:volunteer@okanaganrailtrail.ca) to learn more.

FORT volunteers work on the trail as Trail Ambassadors or Trail Stewards.

Planning and Training,  
Pulling weeds,  
Caretaking the corridor



Meeting, Greeting, Providing Direction, Modelling Etiquette, Listening

FORT volunteers also work behind the scenes for:


**Project Fundraising:**  
Fundraising Campaigns, Grant Writing, Donor Relations

**Trail Improvements:**  
Planning and Project Management

**FORT Communications:**  
Spreading the word and sharing the stories using website, social media, media, newsletter, presentations

# Respect and Care for the Trail Environment

Every trail user can help protect the trailside environment. The native vegetation and shoreline areas are part of the natural beauty and particularly sensitive.



**Stay on Trail**  
Keep off steep banks to prevent erosion. Keep dogs on a leash, and on-trail to avoid spreading weed seeds.

**Use Waste Receptacles**  
(find locations on interactive map)



Watch ahead and leave space for nature.



Consider joining the Friends of Okanagan Rail Trail Trail Stewards in caring for this greenway.



# Donate to Make Your Trail even Better!

The Okanagan Rail Trail would not have been possible without public donations. While the trailbase is now fully funded, there are many desirable improvements in the long term plan.

All it takes is two 'clicks' to make trail improvements happen:

<https://okanaganrailtrail.ca/donate/>

Tax receipt provided for donations over \$25.



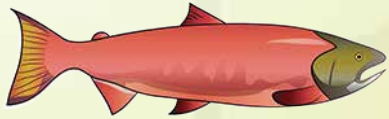


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This translates into the 'Road of the Okanagan People' in the language of the Syilx, the Indigenous People of the Okanagan.

Long before this corridor was used by rail or by trail users, it was part of a larger interconnected network of trails utilized by the Syilx for essential sustenance, societal and spiritual activities.

The Friends of Okanagan Rail Trail acknowledge that we are volunteering on the unceded territory of the sqilx<sup>w</sup>/syilx (Okanagan) people.



## Connect with the Stories

The Rail Trail is a wonderful place for walking, running and cycling. It can also be a journey for learning.



Scan this QR code for online content to learn more at interpretive sites:

- Carney Pond (Kelowna),
- Ribbleworth Falls (District of Lake Country), and
- Kalamalka Lake (Regional District of North Okanagan).



## Trail Safety

Be aware of natural hazards and wildlife. This is an unsupervised area, use with caution.



Wear your helmet when biking – it could save your life, and it's the law.

Dress and pack for the conditions. Carry water and a first aid kit.



Poison Ivy is a native plant found along the trail that is important for habitat but can cause an itchy rash when touched. Identify it with this handy rhyme "leaves of three, let it be."

## Trail Owners

The Friends of Okanagan Rail Trail is the official NGO partner of these rail trail owner jurisdictions:



[okanaganrailtrail.ca](http://okanaganrailtrail.ca)



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## Enjoy - Connect - Respect

## Online Interactive Map

Use your smart phone to scan this QR code and link to a map with more trail detail.



# Be a Friend to the Okanagan Rail Trail

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Friends of Okanagan Rail Trail (FORT) is an all-volunteer, non-profit NGO working with the rail trail owners to make the trail the best it can be.

