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Trail Building Tool Kit

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9: TRAIL ETIQUETTE



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Trail Etiquette

9.1 BGTN'S TRAIL ETIQUETTE CODE

Promoting good behavior on the trail reminds users to respect one another and may also aid in the prevention of serious physical injury, damages and vandalism.

- Out of respect for all trail users, a trail etiquette sign should be posted at the beginning of or at each entrance of every trail. A simple sentence such as 'obey all trail signs' or 'use at own risk' can remind trail users to use common sense and warn of potential risks while out on the trail. See Appendix III, the *BGTN's Signage Recommendations / Trail Etiquette Sign*.
- Trail etiquette signs show that the trail organization/manager is serious about protecting trails, its surrounding environment and the personal safety of trail users.
- In situations where there is more than one trail use, it is recommended that the trail groups work together to identify and promote etiquette that will be beneficial to everyone.
- For liability reasons periodically check signs for damages and replace if needed when on trail inspection duty.

9.2 ETIQUETTE CODES OF OTHER GROUPS

Many trail organizations in Ontario have their own trail etiquette codes to follow. Click on the following sites to view:

- Ontario Trails Council, www.ontariotrails.on.ca, Trail Etiquette
- Ontario Federation of All Terrain Vehicles, www.ofatv.org, Environment and Trail Etiquette
- Ontario Trail Riders Association, www.csolve.net/~newdawn/otra.htm, The Trail Rider's Handbook
- Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, www.ofsc.on.ca/safety/SafeRidersClub.sp
- Hike Ontario, www.hikeontario.com, Trail User's Code

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