

Maple Hill Trail Rules

1. Mountain biking involves the risk of injury. Use of the mountain bike trails is at your own risk. Kalamazoo County, Kalamazoo County Parks, and SWMMBA are not liable for any injury or damage caused by use of the trail.
2. These trails contain technical terrain features. Always inspect trail features before each use and assess them for current condition and against your skill level.
3. Maintain control at all times. It is your responsibility to stop or avoid other riders, objects, debris, people, and wildlife.
4. A current Kalamazoo County Park vehicle permit is required. Permits can be purchased at the Markin Glen County Park Contact Station.
5. The mountain bike trail is a bike only trail - for safety of trail users, foot traffic and dogs are not allowed. Single track mountain bike trails cross pedestrian trail routes. Adhere to trail signage and appropriately yield to other trail users.
6. Only ride trails identified as mountain bike trails. Bikes are prohibited on unmarked trails, trails with the bike symbol crossed out, closed trails and trails marked for hikers/foot traffic only.
7. Single track trails are one-way. Ride only in the direction indicated by trail markers based on the day of the week. Do not ride trails backwards. Obey all signs and warnings.
8. Ride Safe - wearing a helmet, eye protection, and gloves is strongly advised for safety.
9. In case of emergency dial 911. Be able to give your location in relation to the closest trail post marker.
10. The park and trail are open daily 7:00AM to Sunset. Night riding is prohibited.
11. No person shall operate a power assisted bike, e-bike, ATV, ORV, or similar motorized device on the trail.
12. Commercial trail activities, group rides, races, and special events require advance permission and permit from Kalamazoo County Parks.
13. Do not cut brush or alter trails unless you are part of a volunteer group working under the direction of SWMMBA or Kalamazoo County Parks. Do not disturb plant life.
14. Check kiosk in access areas for trail closings, special events and additional information.
15. Failure to follow County Park and Mountain Bike Trail Rules may result in eviction and/or prosecution.

Mountain Bike Trail Etiquette and Guidelines

- Follow all trail rules, trail signs, and warnings posted along the trail.
- Leave No Trace - Pack out at least as much as you pack in. Be considerate for those that follow by picking up and removing any litter.
- Ride Dirt, Not Mud - Be sensitive to the soil beneath you and the environment around you. Ride on open trails only and respect rail closures. Wet and muddy trails are more vulnerable to damage than dry ones. When the trail is soft or muddy, do not ride.
- Help Keep Single Track Single - Stay on existing trails and do not create new ones. Do not cut switchbacks. Do not ride around standing water which results in widening the trail. Walk over sections that are above your current skill level, do not ride around or modify the trail.
- Respect other park users, wildlife, and plant life. Use of earphones is not recommended. One must be aware of other people approaching in the forest and natural hazards.
- Buddy up with two or three bikers, to reduce your vulnerability if you have an accident. In case of emergency call 911. Be able to give your location in relation to the closest trail mile marker. If you do ride alone, tell someone what trails you will be on before you go out.
- Do not stop where you obstruct a trail – move off the trail if you must stop.
- If you catch up with a slower rider, don't get too close. Call out that you'd like to pass in a friendly way, allow them time to pull over to the side safely, then say thank you when they let you go by.
- Check kiosk in access areas and websites for notifications of trail closings, special events and additional information.