

# Guidelines for Greenways

## Etiquette for Cyclists and Pedestrians

While greenways make a community more enjoyable, just like any other shared resource there are rules that must be followed for the benefit of all. Combining pedestrians, bicycles, rollerbladers, pets, and other users creates inherent conflicts requiring such rules. These rules were compiled based on known problems with mixed use trails, accident statistics, and personal experience.

- The trail is divided between bicycle and foot traffic, keep to the respective side of the trail to prevent conflicts.
- Bicycles are limited to a 10 mph speed limit.
- Bicycles should announce themselves and slow down when passing slower moving users.
- Never wear headphones while walking or cycling on the trail. It prevents you from hearing passing cyclists. Never use aero bars while cycling on the trail; you cannot brake suddenly while using them.
- Foot traffic should look behind them to see if the trail is clear before moving into the bicycle lane.
- Never stand or stop on the trail. Move off to the sides to avoid a collision with users as they pass.
- Parents should take precautions with children to prevent them from darting in front of passing bicycles. When the trail is crowded, take precautions before teaching a child to ride on the greenways.
- Bicyclists should always wear helmets, regardless of age or experience. Just because motor vehicles are not present does not mean accidents do not occur, possibly resulting in serious injury or death.
- Pets should be kept on short, controlled leashes and never allowed to run free on the trail. Pets, even on extendable leashes, can dart in front of bicycles resulting in a collision. Both the pet and the cyclist can be hurt or killed. Keep pets toward the outside part of the trail.



David Stone, LCI #1244

League Cycling Instructor

Huntsville, AL

(256) 348-6414 (cell)

BikeEd-HSV@knology.net

[www.knology.net/~BikeEdHSV/courses.htm](http://www.knology.net/~BikeEdHSV/courses.htm)

[twitter.com/LCI1244](https://twitter.com/LCI1244)

10/26/09