







Polite Path Users

The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 gives all *non-motorised* users (including mobility scooters) statutory access rights to most land and inland water. This means that paths are for everyone to enjoy – there are no paths which are only for pedestrians, cyclists or horses. We all share the space which means we all need to behave responsibly so that everyone can enjoy these facilities.

All users:

- Please show consideration for all other users.
- Use your skills of observation, anticipation and forward planning to avoid conflicts with other users.
- Don't travel too fast for the conditions and take particular care when passing children, less able people and animals.
- Be courteous and say "Thank you" to people who move aside to let you pass.
- Be aware that some path users may have visual and hearing impairments or be wearing headphones so may not be aware of you.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride at a sensible speed, appropriate to the path conditions and the number of users on the path. Pass people slowly and give them space. Take care when passing children, less able people and animals. • Be extra careful at bends and entrances. Be prepared to slow down, stop or dismount if necessary. • Ring your bell well in advance when approaching pedestrians, horses and slower cyclists from behind or when approaching a blind corner. This is to alert other people to your presence, not to order them to get out of your way.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen for bicycle bells or warnings from approaching cyclists, horses and runners. They are making you aware that they are looking for a safe opportunity to pass. • Allow cyclists, horse riders and runners to pass you when it is safe. • If you're wearing headphones you won't be aware of what's happening around you. Please avoid wearing headphones on busy routes or at peak travel times.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please keep your dog under close control at all times, especially where there are cyclists and horses. • Don't let your dog's lead obstruct the path or other users. • Please clean up after your dog.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride at a sensible speed, appropriate to the path conditions. Pass people slowly and give them space. Take care when passing children, less able people and animals. • Warn others well in advance when approaching from behind or when approaching a blind corner. This is to alert other people to your presence, not to order them to get out of your way. • Don't ride your horse in such a way that it damages the path surface or verges. • Please clean up after your horse.

Thank you! We hope you have a safe and enjoyable time on the paths.