

Connecting with Nature on Fiscalini Ranch Preserve: Trail Etiquette During Covid-19



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Visitation to the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve is up. Cambrians are getting out of the house and visitors are finding some release from confinement. With the nice breezes and ample space, the Ranch is a relatively safe place to get some exercise.

While most trail etiquette remains the same, it bears repeating and there are a few new things to keep in mind during covid-19.

YIELD RIGHT OF WAY: Learn from the signs at each trail head about who has right of way. In addition, uphill walkers have the right of way over those going downhill.

BE READY TO YIELD: Slow down when approaching others and be aware of people coming up behind you. Let walkers know you are coming with a friendly “Hello!” Have your dog on leash. Pass single file on the left.

STEP OFF THE TRAIL: When you yield, step off the trail at a 90° angle for six feet. Return to trail where you left it rather than walking parallel to the existing trail.

DON'T SHARE YOUR AIR: Stay with your “pod” and at least 6 feet from others. This includes dogs who are members of your household. Wear a mask if you cannot stay 6 feet away. This does not include dogs.



DON'T CHAT ACROSS THE TRAIL: Stopping on either side of the trail to have a talk with friends means that others must walk through you're a cloud of your breath. Instead, stand on the same side of the trail as your friends, but still 6 feet apart.

AVOID CROWD: Early morning or late evening are slower times on the Ranch when you are less likely to run into crowds. Weekdays are less crowded than weekends. Try the less traveled, more open trails like the Ridge Trail.

SMILE: You can't catch Covid-19 from a smile!