

RULES OF THE RANGE



Graphite Range
COMMUNITY FOREST

This community forest is also a forest community. The native plants and animals were here long before us and will be here for a long time to come. Let's share the land, take care of one another, extend courtesy at all times, and respect this place and all its inhabitants. These rules and regulations will ensure this place remains a place for all.



No horseback riding.



No ATV or other motorized uses.



No smoking.



No hunting, trapping, or fishing. No firearms.



No camping or igniting fires.



No alcohol or drugs.

STAY ON TRAILS:

The mixed-use trails at Graphite Range Community Forest have been professionally developed for the enjoyment of a variety of visitors. Please enjoy the property from the designated trails and allow the surrounding wilds to remain just that: Wild!

A PLACE FOR ALL:

Bikers should yield to walkers and hikers. Walkers and hikers should expect to encounter bikers on built trails.

DAY-USE ONLY:

For the safety of all, visitors are encouraged to enjoy this space during daylight hours. Those present after dark may be asked to leave at the County's discretion.

PERMITTED USES:

Hiking, bicycling, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing are permitted. E-bikes allowed if pedal assist, no throttle, and ridden at less than 15 mph.

LEASHED DOGS ARE WELCOME:

Always keep dogs on leash out of consideration to other visitors and local wildlife. All waste bags must be carried out.

WASTE DISPOSAL:

Trash receptacles are not provided. If you carry it in, carry it out (dog waste included).

OBSERVE NATIVE PLANTS AND ANIMALS WITH COURTESY:

We are sharing this land with the wildlife that calls it home. Respectfully observe from a distance and please leave all natural areas as you find them.

WEATHER-RELATED CLOSURES OR RESTRICTIONS:

Seasonal closures of some or all trails may occur to preserve year-round trail conditions. Please check saratogacountyny.gov/community/attractions for information on closures or restrictions.

DRONES:

Drone use may be allowed with permission from Saratoga County.



RESPECT THIS GIFT

Riding trails on public or private lands is a gift, not a right. With every ride, let's remember to be grateful for this shared community forest and all those who made it possible.

PROTECT NATURE

Enjoy nature, don't ruin it. Keep on the trails. Erosion is our single highest impact when we're out riding. Skidding causes erosion. Cutting corners can cut off access. Riding muddy trails messes it up for everyone. If we see animals, don't bother them, remember them. Pick up trash, pack it out, carpool here and back.

CARE FOR OTHERS

We share the trails with others, and they have the same rights and responsibilities as each of us. If someone needs help, we help. If someone needs encouragement, we share our enthusiasm. And if it's going to make the situation better, we dismount. Be nice, yield to others, and give a smile.

BE THE EXAMPLE

Being aggressive has no place in mountain biking. We know our limits, and we ride within them. Beyond the ride, let's park where we're supposed to, keep the tunes to a dull roar, and leave the IPAs for après somewhere else. Reckless behavior? A simple, polite call out will do.

THANK YOU

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