

Dapplegray Lane Property Owners Association

Horse & Trail Guidelines

The establishment of the Dapplegray trail system occurred when the area was first developed and was based on recorded easements that were granted for the common good of all properties in the Lanes. In 2006 the DLPOA Board approved the creation of a Trail Committee to serve as an advisory group to the Board and to handle issues regarding the trails. The Trail Committee's stated goal is the preservation and protection of the Dapplegray trail system. To support this purpose, the Trail Committee has developed the following Guidelines for trail usage to protect the right of residents to use the trails, to promote the safety of equestrians and to show consideration for those residents whose homes are directly adjacent to the trails.

ALL TRAIL USERS

- a) *Horses and riders have the right of way at all times.*
- b) *Keep your dogs under control at all times.*
- c) *Stay on trails. Respect private property.*

GATES

- a) *Half gates will be closed Friday thru Tuesday.*
- b) *Gates will be completely closed to vehicular traffic for 48 hours (or more if required) after significant rain.*
- c) *You may leave open the half gate on permitted vehicle trips of less than 30 minutes, on trips longer than 30 minutes the gate shall be returned to the closed position, then re-opened for exit.*
- d) *No resident shall inhibit or restrict the use of the trails to any other resident, boarder, commercial service company, veterinarian or farrier at any time when said user is acting in accordance with these Guidelines.*

VEHICLES

- a) *Vehicular speed limit on all trails is 3 ½ miles per hour.*
- b) *Vehicles (commercial and residential) are not permitted to park on or block the trail at any time, must be actively loading or unloading and must be returned to the street at the earliest possible time.*
- c) *Vehicles allowed access under these guidelines shall be permitted during daylight hours only. Except in case of emergency.*
- d) *Commercial hay delivery and commercial waste pick up are to be scheduled for Wednesdays and Thursdays only, except in the case of inclement weather or actual emergency.*
- e) *Resident vehicles are allowed on the trails for the delivery or removal of items that are too heavy or bulky for street side delivery or pick up or if there is insufficient delivery access from the street to the rear yard. Residents are requested to make or schedule such deliveries or pick ups on Wednesdays and Thursdays whenever possible.*
- f) *Borders must have permission of their landlord to drive a vehicle on the trail in accordance with these guidelines if at all possible.*
- g) *Commercial equine or barn animal services not limited to, but including veterinarian and farriers are requested to make service calls on Wednesdays and Thursdays whenever possible. Emergency veterinary or farrier visits are allowed 24/7 if trail conditions permit.*
- h) *Except as allowed under items a-g above, there shall be no commercial vehicular access for non equine related activities including, but not limited to, gardeners, tree trimmers and/or contractors/construction personnel without prior DLPOA Board or Trail Committee approval (except for legitimate emergencies)*

- i) *No vehicle is permitted to turn around on the trail. If turn around is required it must be done on the private property associated with the delivery or service or at trail junctions.*
- j) *No vehicle may be used for recreational purposes on the trail at any time. Bicycles, motorcycles and baby jogging strollers are forbidden on the trails at any time.*
- k) *The DLPOA reserves the right to have a designated vehicle(s) on the trail for the purpose of inspecting, caring for and maintaining the trail system in a safe manner.*

EQUESTRIANS

- a) *When passing hikers or other equestrians wait for them to stop and get to one side of the trail if there is not adequate room to pass comfortably.*
- b) *Pass hikers and other equestrians at a walk, single file.*
- c) *When approaching from the rear ask to pass and give the people time to get out of your way.*
- d) *The use of the private "Dapplegray Ring" is for the exclusive use of paying members only. Use by non-members constitutes trespassing.*

PEDESTRIANS

- a) *Equestrians have the right of way on the bridle trails. Stop, stay to one side of the trail and let the riders pass.*
- b) *Do not make any sudden moves, loud noises or try to touch horses as they pass.*
- c) *Talk to riders in a normal tone of voice to help make the horses aware of your presence.*
- d) *When traveling faster than horses stay at least 25 feet behind moving horses until cleared to pass.*
- e) *Always keep in mind that horses are unpredictable animals that can frighten easily with potentially dangerous consequences.*

If a resident believes that the trail is being used in anyway contrary to these guidelines, they are requested to contact any Board or Trail Committee member and if possible to follow up with a written complaint documenting the facts and submit by e-mail to any Board or Trail Committee member.