

## Trails Rules and Etiquette Specific to Natural Surface Trails

Additional trail etiquette for natural surface trails:

- **Respect the trail.** Stay on designated trails. Stay off natural surface trails that are wet or muddy. Avoid creating braided or social trails.
- **Yield to Horses.** All trail users yield to equestrians in open space areas where horses are allowed.

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## Animas River Trail Interesting Facts

### Distance

The distance from the trail terminus adjacent to Dal-labetta Park (near Rivera Bridge) to Animas City Park is approximately 7.5 Miles.

### Markers

Surface mounted mile markers are located every half mile and the zero marker is located at Rotary Park, with distance markers to the north and south along the Animas River Trail.

### Bridges and Underpasses

On the mainline of the Animas River Trail, there are eleven pedestrian bridges and three underpasses to avoid crossing major roads and highways.

### Lights

There are a series of over 200 trail lights illuminating the Animas River Trail at night.

### Development

The development of the Animas River Trail in Durango has occurred over several decades, beginning in 1976 until today.

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## Trail System Development

Trail user desires have evolved and the Parks and Recreation Department welcomes input from the community on enhancements to the existing trail system. Please contact the Department at 970-375-7321 or by email [rec@durangogov.org](mailto:rec@durangogov.org) to discuss trail maintenance, trail routes or new trail opportunities.

## Contact Information

Durango Parks & Recreation Department  
(970) 375-7321 or [rec@durangogov.org](mailto:rec@durangogov.org)

Report unsafe or reckless behavior to  
(970) 385-2900 Central Dispatch

Trails Map on the City of Durango  
Website: [durangogov.org/parksandrec](http://durangogov.org/parksandrec)



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The City of Durango is expanding upon the Share the Trail philosophy to provide clear guidelines for the use of City trails to enhance the enjoyable experience of all trail users without adversely impacting the use of others. Trails are for everyone. Please respect other trail users and adhere to the following local trail expectations:

- **Be courteous.** All trail users should be respectful and aware of other users regardless of their mode, speed, or level of skill. Dogs must be on a leash. Keep trails clean and safe by disposing of trash and animal waste in appropriate trash receptacles.
- **Be predictable.** Travel in a consistent and predictable manner. Keep right and pass on left. Always look behind before changing positions on the trail.
- **Yield to other trail users.** Yield to slower and on-coming traffic. Bicyclists yield to pedestrians; and bicyclists riding downhill yield to bicyclists riding uphill. Yielding the right-of-way requires slowing down to a safe speed, being prepared to stop, establishing communication and passing safely. When merging onto a multi-use hard surface trail, yield to other users on the primary trail corridor.
- **Be observable.** Provide an easy to hear warning before passing. Give a clear signal using voice (state “On your left”), bell or horn well before passing. Wear lights and reflective clothing at night. Wear only one ear bud if listening to devices.
- **Don't block the trail.** When in a group or with your pets, move off the trail to avoid blocking the flow of other users. When stopping, trail users should move off the trail.
- **Control your speed.** Slow down and use caution when approaching other trail users and blind turns. Please keep speed under 10 mph on City hard surface trails.

