THE KVR IS 8600 CONTINUOUS ACRES WITH APPROXIMATELY 50 MILES OF RECREATION TRAILS AND 15.5 MILES OF WATER TRAIL, THE KICKAPOO RIVER.

USERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PRACTICE RESPONSIBLE TRAIL ETIQUETTE, INCLUDING EDUCATING THEMSELVES ON OTHER USES OF THE TRAIL SYSTEM.

#### **GENERAL ETIQUETTE FOR ALL USERS**

- HORSE/MULE & BIKE TRAIL CLOSURES MAY OCCUR DURING AND AFTER WET WEATHER. USERS MUST CHECK TRAIL STATUS BEFORE RIDING
- Horse and Bike Trails Are CLOSED Due to Wet Conditions
- TREAT ALL USERS WITH RESPECT AND COURTESY RE-GARDLESS OF THEIR SPORT, SPEED OR SKILL LEVEL
- PROTECT THE TRAILS AND SURROUNDING AREAS BY STAYING ON DESIGNATED TRAILS
- SHARE THE TRAIL! WATCH & LISTEN FOR OTHERS.
  SHARED TRAILS ARE JUST THAT, SHARED. RESPECT EVE-RYONE'S RIGHT TO RECREATE
- LEAVE WILDLIFE WILD. DO NOT HARASS, APPROACH, OR SCARE WILDLIFE



- LEAVE TREES AND PLANTS FOR OTHERS TO ENJOY. DO NOT BREAK BRANCHES OR PICK FLOWERS
- LEAVE NO TRACE—PACK IT IN PACK IT OUT
- REPORT ANY ISSUES TO THE KVR OFFICE
- ALL DOGS ON LEASH APRIL 1 JULY 31
  DURING NESTING BIRD SEASON



### PAY IT FORWARD

All trail permit fees benefit the Reserve What you pay - stays

**ADOPT A TRAIL** 

Trail segments are available for adoption. The Kickapoo River is included in the Adopt A Trail Program. Adopters are asked to check the adopted section of trail at least three times per season. For more information on this rewarding program contact KVR Property Manager at jason.leis@wisconsin.gov or 608-625-2960

#### **BECOME A KVR FRIEND**

Friends of the Kickapoo Valley Reserve is an organization of people dedicated to assisting the Kickapoo Reserve Management Board in its mission to preserve and protect the lands entrusted to the Reserve by raising funds and public awareness, and by providing volunteers for projects. For more information: www.kickapoofriends.org

#### **REPORT TRAIL ISSUES**

Users are encouraged to report trail issues as soon as they are noticed. Fallen trees, erosion, off trail use, are all damaging to the trail system. Users are also encouraged to practice Leave No Trace Principles and PACK IT IN - PACK IT OUT. The way you use the trail will influence trail management decisions and policies. Use responsibly.

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# TRAIL ETIQUETTE & STEWARDSHIP ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS A TRAIL USER ON THE KVR

# **Etiquette for Bicyclists**

Road Bike - The KVR is a road bike hub. Follow all bicyclist rules for riding on the highways through the KVR. Hwy 131 from Rockton North has a paved shoulder. Old 131 Trail is also paved. Friendly etiquette reminders:

- Control your speed, know your limits
- Obey traffic signs and signals. Use hand signals to indicate left or right turns, slowing or stopping
- At night use headlight, tail light and reflectors

Mountain Bike - The KVR has approximately 34 miles of trails that are open to Mountain Bikes. Many of the trails on the KVR are shared use non motorized trails. Friendly etiquette reminders:

- Yield right of way to other users. Always yield to uphill users
- When encountering a horse/mule, stop and make verbal contact with the rider. Say

"Hello" Ask the rider for instructions on safe passage

- Control your speed, share the trail. Be cautious on blind corners or in areas with poor sight lines
- Ride trails cleanly without sliding around corners or skidding tires
   Equestrian & bike trails open May 1st weather permitting





### **Etiquette for Equestrians**

The KVR has approximately 41 miles of trails open to Horses/ Mules. Old 131 and Star Valley Trail stay open in wet weather.

• Make sure your mount is prepared for the trails on the KVR. Trails can be



on the KVR. Trails can be rugged and change elevation frequently.

- Many trails on the KVR are shared use. Be sure your mount is seasoned to meet other users safely
- Advise those you meet how to proceed past you and your horse or mule. Be prepared to explain how to move past and take necessary precautions to keep everyone safe
- Control your speed. Remember others use the trails. Be courteous
- Keep trail heads and campsites clean for the next user. Dispose of trash and manure properly
   Share the
- Horses/Mules should use gravel side only on Old 131 Trail



Be aware! The KVR is open to pubilc hunting. Know the seasons and wear bright clothing

## **Etiquette for Hikers**

The KVR has approximately 50 miles of maintained trails. Most are shared use trails, although there are some trails designated for hikers only. Hikers are welcome to hike year round and hike anywhere on the property they choose. Make sure you have a map



• When meeting a horse and rider, stop and speak. The rider may have instructions for you to follow to keep you both safe

• Leave no trace - take only pictures, leave only footprints

- Know your limitations the KVR has varied terrain and can change elevation quickly.
- Know your map Some trails cross streams or water - be sure you know where you are on the property.

Check trail status before riding

Natural surface trails will close due to wet conditions

 When recreating alone, make sure someone knows your location in the event of an emergency

**STOP** 

