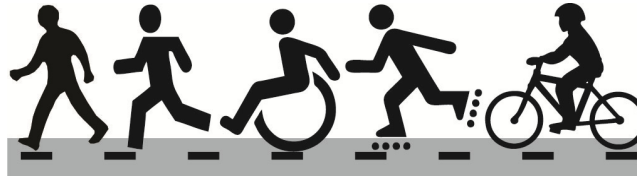


Share the Path!

Etiquette for Madison's Multi-Use Paths



Madison has over 45 miles of shared use paths. These paths are used by a variety of users, including bicycle commuters, recreational bicyclists, families, pedestrians and skaters. By following a few basic rules, these paths can be shared safely by all users.

- Treat all path users with respect and courtesy regardless of their mode, speed, or skill level.
- Whether walking, biking, jogging, or skating, **stay on the right side** of the path except to pass.
- When traveling side-by-side, stay on the right half of the path. Single up when the path is crowded so faster users can pass without crossing the center line.
- Pass others on the left only when safe.
 - Slow down,
 - give an audible warning,
 - wait for a reaction, and
 - make sure that the oncoming lane is clear before passing.
- Control your speed. Paths are not an appropriate place for high speed riding.
- Faster users must yield to slower users.
- Faster users may want to consider alternate routes to ensure the safety of all users. If you feel frustrated slowing down, the road may be a better place for you to ride.
- Always look both ahead and behind before changing positions on the path, whether moving left to pass, right to stop, or turning around.
- Do not block the path. If you need to stop, move to the side or off the path.

For more information on bicycle safety, go to:
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