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1. [Right of Way on Trail: It's Horses, Then Hikers, Then Everyone Else](#)
2. **Horses** and Mules — or Stock — Have the **Right-of-Way** in All Situations. Stock averages about 2 miles per hour in big country, which is much slower than everyone out there for the most part. And ...
3. [https://gearjunkie.com > biking > trail-etiquette-right-of-way](https://gearjunkie.com/biking/trail-etiquette-right-of-way)
- 4.

[https://www.americantrails.org > resources > safe-encounters-with-horses-on-multi-use-trails](https://www.americantrails.org/resources/safe-encounters-with-horses-on-multi-use-trails)

## [Safe Encounters with Horses on Shared-Use Trails](#)

Apr 17, 2024 **The** rules are: Bikers yield to Hikers and **Horses**. Hikers yield to **Horses**. **The** concept is that bikers are potentially fast and could come into conflict if passing other users too quickly. Bikers can stop and go easily; thus, they let

[https://www.rei.com > blog > hike > trail-etiquette-who-has-the-right-of-way](https://www.rei.com/blog/hike/trail-etiquette-who-has-the-right-of-way)

## [Trail Etiquette: Who Has the Right of Way? - REI Co-op](#)

Hikers vs. **Horses**. As the largest, slowest-to-maneuver and (usually) least-predictable creatures on the trail, **horses** get the **right of way** from both hikers and mountain bikers. If you're sharing the trail with equestrians, give them as wide a

[https://www.aqha.com > - > trail-riding-rules-equestrian-etiquette](https://www.aqha.com/->trail-riding-rules-equestrian-etiquette)

## [Trail Riding Rules: Equestrian Etiquette - AQHA](#)

When you encounter other users on the trail, remember that **horses have the right of way**. Make it a safe trail riding experience by: Talking to the hikers or bikers. Asking them to step off the downhill side of the trail while you pass. Sharing the

## Do horse riders have the right-of-way at a highway crossing?

A **horse** is counted as a vehicle which means at a crossing, a car would have the **right of way** unless there is a traffic control device instructing the car to stop. The requirement to yield to pedestrians does NOT apply to **horses**. Note the following

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