

## Rules of the Trail:

The way we ride today shapes mountain bike trail access tomorrow. Do your part to preserve and enhance our sport's access and image by observing the following rules of the trail, formulated by IMBA, the International Mountain Bicycling Association, [www.imba.com](http://www.imba.com). These rules are recognized around the world as the standard code of conduct for mountain bikers. IMBA's mission is to promote mountain bicycling that is environmentally sound and socially responsible.

### 1. RIDE ON OPEN TRAILS ONLY.

Respect trail and road closures (ask if uncertain); avoid trespassing on private land; obtain permits or other authorization as may be required. Federal and state Wilderness areas are closed to cycling. The way you ride will influence trail management decisions and policies.

### 2. LEAVE NO TRACE.

Be sensitive to the dirt beneath you. Recognize different types of soils and trail construction; practice low-impact cycling. Wet and muddy trails are more vulnerable to damage. When the trailbed is soft, consider other riding options. This also means staying on existing trails and not creating new ones. Don't cut switchbacks. Be sure to pack out at least as much as you pack in.

### 3. CONTROL YOUR BICYCLE!

Inattention for even a second can cause problems. Obey all bicycle speed regulations and recommendations.

### 4. ALWAYS YIELD TRAIL.

Let your fellow trail users know you're coming. A friendly greeting or bell is considerate and works well; don't startle others. Show your respect when passing by slowing to a walking pace or even stopping. Anticipate other trail users around corners or in blind spots. Yielding means slow down, establish communication, be prepared to stop if necessary and pass safely.

### 5. NEVER SCARE ANIMALS.

All animals are startled by an unannounced approach, a sudden movement, or a loud noise. This can be dangerous for you, others, and the animals. Give animals extra room and time to adjust to you. When

passing horses use special care and follow directions from the horseback riders (ask if uncertain). Running cattle and disturbing wildlife is a serious offense.

Leave gates as you found them, or as marked.

### 6. PLAN AHEAD.

Know your equipment, your ability, and the area in which you are riding -- and prepare accordingly. Be self-sufficient at all times, keep your equipment in good repair, and carry necessary supplies for changes in weather or other conditions. A well-executed trip is a satisfaction to you and not a burden to others.

Always wear a helmet and appropriate safety gear.

*Keep trails open by setting a good example of environmentally sound and socially responsible off-road cycling.*

### WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

If you ride the trails in the Clemson University Experimental Forest, it is your responsibility to be a member of the Greater Clemson Mountain Bikers Club, [www.gcmbc.com](http://www.gcmbc.com), to support the club's efforts to maintain the privileges of trail access on the CUEF property. As the voice for mountain bikers, we need your support for future issues, plans, and development of the trail system.

As a member you will have a voice in this process, be kept informed on "news and developments", participate in university and club sponsored trail projects, and meet other Mtn. Bikers. Your dues support club mailings, and additional money accumulated will support club projects. Join today and invite a fellow biker to do the same!

Make yourself aware that Deer hunting season in the Clemson Forest is from **October 1st to December 22nd**. It is recommended to stay out of hunting areas during this period for your safety and respect for the hunters during their season in the woods. On Sundays there is no hunting on Clemson forest property, so that would be a good day to ride trails that are in the hunting areas. Sections of the forest that are used for hunting are posted as Wildlife Management Area, or WMA. Information concerning hunting season and lands used for hunting are posted on bulletin boards at parking areas. Check for updated information at parking area bulletin boards or check DNR web page at [www.dnr.state.sc.us](http://www.dnr.state.sc.us). Make yourself aware and be informed.

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- Take College Ave. through downtown to Hwy. 123
- Cross Hwy. 123, College Ave. becomes Hwy. 133
- Follow Hwy. 133 past Daniel High School to stop sign and turn left
- Take first left past Maw's Grocery (just before Church) onto Old Six Mile Hwy.
- First entrance immediate right, main entrance and parking area 1/2 mile on right

