

# Pathways and Pedestrian Safety Tips

Lake Oswego boasts many beautiful pathways. Following the Rules of the Road and Safety Tips can help make the outdoor experience better for all users.

## Rules of the Road

- Keep pathways clear - When you're in a group or with a pet, only use half the pathway. Keep the flow open for other users.
- Be predictable - Sudden changes in direction or position on the pathway cause accidents. Glance behind you before changing position on the pathways.
- Bikers and skaters should always use safe speeds - The pathways are not for racing. Slow to 5 mph in congested areas. Always ride or skate under control.
- Slower traffic has the right-of-way - All users yield to slower traffic. Bicycles and skaters yield to pedestrians.
- Control your dog on the pathways - Lake Oswego has a leash law and a "pooper scooper" law. Always use a leash and, if necessary, hold your dog when approaching or passing other users.
- Keep right except to pass - Always stay to the right of the pathway to allow others to pass safely on your left.
- Yield when entering or crossing pathways and roads - Always yield to traffic in roadways or when entering the pathway from trailheads or spurs. Don't count on others stopping for you.
- Keep the pathways clean - Don't litter; pack your trash.
- Bikers and skaters use voice or bell when passing - People don't always hear you coming, so please say "on your left," when approaching from behind.

## Safety Tips

- Bikers and skaters should yield to pedestrians
- Ride or skate single file when passing
- Wear a helmet for protection
- Use lights at night
- Watch for other pathway users
- Wear bright clothing with reflectivity
- Wear or carry lighting

## Web Links

[Pathways Guide](#)

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