Trail use on the National Monument

To help reduce conflicts, protect wildlife and livestock on Fort Ord, and ensure public safety, please follow these rules while recreating on the roads and trails.

For cyclists:
- Yield the right-of-way to hikers, joggers and equestrians
- Yielding to others means stopping or slowing—never pass others over 10 mph on roads and 5 mph of single-track trails
- Avoid riding on wet trails to reduce damage

For hikers and joggers:
- Yield the right-of-way to equestrians
- Be careful not to spook horses
- Remember it is hard to hear others when you are wearing headphones

For equestrians:
- Avoid riding on wet trails to reduce damage
- Never bring a skittish horse to this high public use area
- Never shovel manure into landscaping islands—please load back into your trailer and take home with you

For everyone:
- Use only roads and trails that are signed open for use
- Never venture off the roads and trails into grassland areas or other off-trail habitat
- Remember that the Monument is closed 1/2 hour after sunset until 1/2 hour before sunrise
- Never start a campfire or use a firework
- Never chase or harass wildlife or livestock on Fort Ord National Monument

Remember that common courtesy can go a long way in reducing conflict and ensuring everyone has fun. The BLM manages the Fort Ord National Monument in a manner that protects natural values, honors the military and cultural heritage of the landscape, and offers high-quality, non-motorized outdoor recreation opportunities. Your cooperation will help ensure that 35 species of rare and endangered animals and plants that make this place their home are protected for generations to come.

Questions? Call BLM at (831)582-2200
Play Nice and Be Courteous
There are a lot of people out on the trails these days on the Fort Ord National Monument and everyone must make a special effort to play nice and be courteous. Observing the proper trail yielding priorities is important for all - bicyclists have a special responsibility to travel at safe speeds.

What does yielding mean?
Yielding can mean stopping if other visitors don’t move to the edge of the trail, or slowing way down if they do. Bicyclists should never be travelling more than 5 mph on trails and 10 mph on the wider roads when they pass others.

Yielding the Way