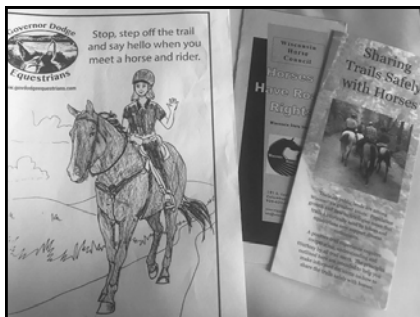


THE SCOOP ON MULTI-USE TRAILS - - - - GO SLOW AND SAY HELLO



Multi-use trails have become more and more common and for good reason. Land managers report that shared trails are more cost effective because they require fewer signs and less monitoring. Perhaps even more importantly, multi-use trails can help to build a “trail community” with users cooperating to preserve and protect a common resource. Shared trails offer opportunities to access more miles of trails and provide opportunities to meet and talk with other trail uses, establishing mutual respect and courtesy. At Governor Dodge State Park, the designated horse trails are shared with hikers, with a few trails shared with hikers and bikers.

The Friends of Governor Dodge-Equestrian Committee recognizes that trail etiquette leads to trail safety. On August 17, 2019 the group hosted their 3rd annual “Share the Trails” Open House. Park users were invited to meet the horses and for many visitors, this was the first ever contact with a horse. The mantra for the day was “Go Slow and Say Hello” and through hands-on experiences, a trail safety video, a coloring page, and the excellent brochures provided by the Wisconsin Horse Council, participants learned how all trail users can safely share the trails. Ice cream cones were served to the 250 participants courtesy of the Dodgeville Kiwanis Club. Everyone agreed that it was a fun and educational day!



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