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Trail Etiquette Tips

from our friends at the
Upper Valley Trails Alliance

1. **Respect natural resources, historic structures, and wildlife - pay close attention to your surroundings when taking measurements.**
2. **Respect the property you are on - all trails listed on Trail Finder are posted with landowner permission.**
3. **Trail conditions are subject to change anytime, so be aware and respectful of any trail closures in place.**
4. **Hikers are encouraged to stay on marked trails, particularly on Trail Finder trails.**
5. **Be prepared with food, water, and first aid.**
6. **Pack out any trash and leave no trace.**
7. **Share the trail - allow other hikers to pass and let everyone enjoy nature at their own pace.**
8. **If you encounter a muddy section, walk through instead of around. Walking around muddy patches causes erosion and can be damaging to the trail corridor.**
9. **Check the weather and dress accordingly - even if your hiking location is close! Planning for the weather of your *destination*, not current location, helps keep you safe.**