

## WELCOME TO BRIARCLIFF PEEKSKILL TRAILWAY

## GRAHAM HILLS CYCLIST RESPONSIBILITY CODE

Welcome to the mountain bike trail system at Graham Hills Park in Mount Pleasant, where cyclists can enjoy a day of fresh air and exercise in a wooded and natural environment.

Graham Hills, a one-time Hamlet and station on the Putnam Railroad, takes its name from Dr. Isaac Gilbert Graham, a Revolutionary War army surgeon, who settled there circa 1785.

The trails total about five miles in distance and are geared toward experienced riders. The route winds through the many diverse habitats of this beautiful 431-acre park. The trails are mostly single track, and can be used in both directions. Please exhibit caution and common sense while riding.

Before embarking on your journey, please take a minute to familiarize yourself with the Cyclist Responsibility Code and trail map printed in this brochure. Anyone failing to obey park rules by riding at speeds out of control, or threatening hikers,

plants or wildlife, will be removed from the park. No motorized vehicles are allowed on the trail at any time.

Remember, people judge all cyclists by your actions, so please act courteously and responsibly. Have a good time and enjoy your ride.

For more information call (914) 864-PARK. Graham Hills Park is open seven days a week from dawn to dusk.

- There is a trash carry-in/carry-out policy at the park.
- The park closes at dusk. No night riding.
- There is no potable water available, so please plan accordingly.

**ALWAYS WEAR A HELMET AND KEEP YOUR BICYCLE IN GOOD CONDITION.** Many bicycle shops offer bicycle inspections.

**CONTROL YOUR SPEED AT ALL TIMES.** Approach turns in anticipation of someone coming around the bend.

**SLOW DOWN AND PASS WITH CARE.** Always pass on the left, and let your fellow bikers know you are passing with a greeting or a bell.

**STAY ON DESIGNATED TRAILS** Do not create new trails. Respect the native vegetation and do not trample low-growing plants.

**DO NOT DISTURB WILDLIFE.** Keep the noise to a minimum and yield the right-of-way to animals that may happen onto the trail. Remember, they were there first, and you're traveling through their turf.

**MINIMIZE YOUR IMPACT.** Avoid excessive braking and short-cutting switch-backs, which contribute to trail erosion. Be environmentally aware.

**PLEASE DO NOT LITTER.** Have pride in your park, and take all litter out of the park with you.

**RESPECT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY.** Observe trail markings and "No Trespassing" signs.

**KNOW PARK RULES.** Always check with the park office for current trail status and park regulations. Remember: Mountain bikes are not allowed south of Montrose Stations Road, shooting range area.

**PLAN AHEAD** Each ride should be determined by your ability, equipment, terrain and weather conditions. Remember, weather and trail conditions change continuously, and you should familiarize yourself with the trail map before riding.

**NEVER RIDE ALONE.** Ride with a friend and leave word with someone on where you plan to go, your route of travel and your anticipated time of return.

**OBEY PARK RULES** Anyone failing to obey park rules will be removed from Park. \*This Code is based on the NORBA Cyclists Code and is used by permission of National Off Road Bicycle Association and the International Mountain Bicycling Association.



