

# VMC Cycle Park Property - General Rules & Etiquette

For complete club rules please refer to the VMC website.

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- Gate is to be opened and then closed behind you. The only exception being a busy riding day when multiple vehicles are expected to arrive. Ensure gate is closed while out for a ride.
- Last one out of parking lot at the end of the day must ensure gate is closed & locked.
- NO loud or excessively noisy bikes are permitted to ride anywhere on club property. If a member has to be cautioned about riding a loud bike they will be asked to park that bike.
- Respect the neighbours we have in close proximity to our parking areas (there are at least 4 in particular), no excessive noise anytime. Do not buzz fence lines and be aware of property lines.
- No riding allowed before 9:00 AM or within one hour of dark or after 9:00 PM in all cases.
- Center grassy area is for mini-bikes & young tykes, slow riding only. Not a Flat Track.
- No riding around on the gravel parking lot ring anytime - includes small bikes and young riders.
- When riding in Parking Lot transiting to and from trails go slow - 1<sup>st</sup> gear only.
- Helmets must be worn 100% of the time on any moving bike by everyone.
- If no Fire Ban in force members are requested to ride the property principally above and beyond the EnduroCross track.
- No riding allowed on the Hill Climb course or on Table-Top at bottom, except with expressed permission from Club Executive.
- Club members should inform any rule or etiquette violators *IN A NICE WAY* on what the problem is and how to correct it.
- Disrespectful, dangerous or damaging behaviour will not be tolerated. If you have a concern bring it to the next meeting or contact one of the Executive.
- Treat all club assets (eg. Property, Tools, Buildings, BBQ and all other infrastructure) with care, if something gets broken tell an executive member so repairs can be made.
- NEVER ride in or near any marked Observed Trials section(s), or damage or dislodge any ribbons or arrows placed in advance of a Trials event.
- Avoid digging holes or trenching anywhere on the club trails, go around or go down and try again. Be aware of creating excess trail damage.
- As a 'property riding member' you are obligated to pitch in and help keep the club's trails clear of any dangers and clear debris that blocks trails or simple slapper-branch management.
- If you have a particular obstacle you don't want removed, flag it or mark it somehow.
- During an club event regular riding is generally permitted, please don't interfere with event or any spectators and always exercise caution.
- Always keep your dog on a leash and clean up its mess. Better yet leave your pet at home.
- If hosing off your bike always clear mud off the concrete pad, hang up the hose and turn off the tap when finished. No one will clean up after you.
- Guests are to be escorted by a club member at all times, one guest at a time.
- Guests are welcome one time per year. New applicants on our Wait List can ride X times/year.

*VMC's Cycle Park is jewel of a riding property. It is every member's responsibility to protect and nurture the property.*

*Always keep in mind we have neighboring properties.*

*It's about using common sense and courtesy and respect for all around you.*

## Notes for Parents with Youth & Junior members:

- Parents are reminded to keep young children in sight while riding and exercise proper control.
- Only *New Rider / Little Tykes* on quiet mini-bikes are permitted to ride in the grassy area inside the centre-ring of the parking area.
- More experienced Youth members are encouraged to practice skills and ride in the area around and behind where the old clubhouse was.
- Older Kids, Teens and all Adults should transit from the parking area to the bottom of Hill climb and EnduroCross track and beyond.

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## Notes about Guest use:

- Members are encouraged to bring a guest to experience Cycle Park BUT with limits.
- A “Release and Indemnity Agreement” liability waiver form must be signed by the guest every time, whether attending and riding in an event or for recreational riding.
- If Guest is under 19 years of age the rider’s Parent or Legal Guardian must sign.
- Waiver forms (both Under/19 and 19+) are available on-line here:  
<https://vmc.bc.ca/images/stories/vmc%20release%20form.pdf> or at MotoTrials West counter.
- Deposit signed waiver forms at MotoTrials West with Dave Fair.
- It is the responsibility of the Member to ensure their guest signs the waiver form and rides responsibly and safely and respects all Club rules.
- If a Guest wishes to return to ride at Cycle Park they should apply to join and be placed on the Wait List to become a member.

## Other Member FAQ

- ✓ In general the club property is not well-suited for Motocross bikes as they tend to not perform well on the challenging hilly terrain.
- ✓ Do not leave combination exposed on gate lock.
- ✓ All members have a duty to clean up after themselves and their guests and all dog feces. No garbage dumping.
- ✓ All members are expected to pitch in with stewardship of your riding area, including trail maintenance, equipment maintenance and cleaning, removal of dangerous obstacles,
- ✓ Any tree cutting requires permission of the club executive.
- ✓ Members need to use their discretion in removal of hazards, notify the exec if you can’t resolve the issue safely
- ✓ Maintaining respectful conduct of behavior etc.
- ✓ Many hands makes for short work. Happy Riding, See you on the trail!