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Trail Courtesy Hike, Bike, and Ride Safely

Chico, CA, 10/18/2010 - Visitors to Bidwell Park will be noticing new signs placed at major trail heads. The Park Division will be placing signs up in October that reminds visitors to “Approach Slowly, Announce Early and Pass Carefully.” The signs are intended to remind visitors to safely share the trail.

Most of Bidwell Park contains shared trails with a variety of uses. Trails must support hikers, bikers, and horse riders, and Park Rangers note that often some simple courtesy and communication makes a big difference for safety and overall enjoyment of the Park.

In the next few months, Park Staff will highlight some simple tips for trail users. These tips include: When passing another trail user, visitors should slow their approach, announce their presence, and pass at a safe time and place. Slowing your approach will help give the other person time to react and move out of the way. When approaching a horse rider, announce your presence and speak to the rider; the sound of your voice will reassure the horse and gives a chance for the rider to anticipate the situation and let you know the best way to pass. When passing another trail user, keep in mind the width of the trail, blind corners, and terrain. These simple trail etiquette tips will help visitors to the park have a safe and enjoyable experience.

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The Parks, Open Spaces, Greenways, and Preserves Division is within the General Services Department, and is responsible for maintaining and operating City parks, open space, and recreation areas including Bidwell Park, Children's Playground, Depot Park, City Plaza, Lindo Channel, Little Chico Creek Greenway, Teichert Ponds, and other preserves. Park Division programs include: Maintenance, Ranger, Lifeguard, and Volunteer Programs.

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If you would like more information about this topic, please contact the Park Rangers at 530/896-7834.

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