

When riding Potberg MTB trails, I understand that I shall:

1. Be in possession of a current Trail pass and display the annual trail pass or sticker (if relevant) on the front of my bicycle when on the Trails.
2. Have this code of conduct on my person when riding.
3. Message the Conservation Managers: **whatsapp/sms 062 272 5371** to inform them of any intended ride **the day before** entering the **Potberg Sector of De Hoop** and comply with any special restrictions pertaining to these Trails, as indicated by the Potberg Office.
4. Ensure that there is a cell phone in the cycling group.
5. Limit my riding to **between sunrise and sunset**, unless special prior permission has been granted to ride outside these times.
6. Only use signposted routes, or/ as indicated on the accompanying map (These may be updated from time to time and are issued with the permit) and stay off other paths and properties. "If in doubt stay out!!"
7. Not ride with a person who does not have an entry permit, or permit a person who is without his/her entry permit to ride with me.
8. **Recognise that mountain biking in remote areas is dangerous** and that there is no medical or other safety rescue support available or provided. **Use the land entirely at my own risk, and do so with due knowledge of the risks inherent therein.** Accepting that, I indemnify and hold harmless the Reserve Management, CNC; Property owners of the land the Trail crosses and the Trail management committee for any injury or loss to me, irrespective of any act or omission on my part, or on the part of any one of them, and whether negligent or not.
9. Take due care for my own safety: Ensure the serviceability of my mountain bike and wear appropriate safety equipment.
10. Act in such a manner as to reflect only the highest standards of integrity, honesty, courtesy and responsibility.
11. Acknowledge that the land is privately owned and that operations by the landowner thereon take precedence and to respect the landowner and not ride or conduct myself in a manner which interferes with the operations of the landowner in any way.
12. Not enter any area, the use of which is prohibited by the landowner for safety or operational reasons, and I acknowledge that the landowner may do so without prior warning to myself or the Trail management committee.

13. Report any suspicious or illegal activities or conduct immediately to the landowner or Potberg Office whilst I am on the landowners land.
14. Leave the property in the state in which it was found and to specifically ensure that every gate is left in the position in which it was found.
15. Ride in an environmentally responsible manner:
  - Avoid damage to or disturbance of the plants and animals in the reserve;
  - Leave no litter and remove any litter seen, where possible;
  - Ride so as to cause minimum impact on trails;
  - Report any trail damage to the Association and Potberg management so it can be remedied;
  - Adhere to a strict 'No smoking' policy on all of the permissible trails
16. Be on the lookout for any poaching or potentially environmentally harmful activities when on the Potberg Conservation Trails and report them immediately to the Potberg Office. Number for these reports or emergencies: **082 496 3443**
17. Understand that I may forfeit my trail pass and be issued with a fine if found to be in breach of these permit conditions, especially when on the Potberg Conservation Trails.