Recreational opportunities abound along the 13.5 miles of service roads that line the Cape Cod Canal. They include bicycling, walking, jogging, in-line skating, sightseeing and access to some of the region's best saltwater fishing from shore.

Mixed use of these roads has become very popular over recent years. Often, leading to congested conditions.



You can help make the Canal's multi-use service roads safe and enjoyable for everyone!

Follow these 10 simple safety guidelines to

Play it Safe!



#### Cape Cod Canal

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# Service Road Safety Guidelines





### 1 Be Courteous. Exercise Due Care & Caution.

Be respectful of other users regardless of their mode of travel, speed or level of skill. You will most likely encounter it all!

The safe integration of various forms of recreation taking place on the Canal Service Roads requires attentive and responsible behavior from everyone who enjoys their use.

#### **2** Be Predictable.

- Travel in a consistent and predictable manner.
- Always look behind before changing positions on the road.
- When stopping, beware of others approaching you from behind.
- Keep pets leashed and under control.
- Mind the movements of your children.

#### **3** Slow Down. Stay Safe.

Control your speed to avoid collision with others. Reduce your speed when approaching access points, narrow sections, areas of obscured visibility, and when special hazards exist.

Avoid traveling in a manner that endangers or is likely to endanger any persons or property. Negligent operation may result in fines and/or removal from the service road.

#### 4 Keep Right.

Travel as near to the right side of the road as is safe, except when passing another user.



#### **5** Pass on the Left.

- Pass others that are traveling in your direction, on their left.
- Yield to slower and on-coming traffic.
- Before passing, look ahead, to the side and behind you to ensure the lane is clear.
- Pass with ample separation and do not move back to the right until safely past.
- Be Aware: Children and pets can be unpredictable in their movements.

## **6** Give Audible Warning Before Passing.

- Give a clear audible signal before passing and allow time for the person to respond.
- Make sure you can hear these signals; don't wear headphones on the roads.
- Use hand signals to alert those behind you of your moves.

#### 7 Avoid Obstructing the Road.

- Do not impede the flow of other users.
- Move off of the road when stopped.
- Do not place chairs, fishing gear or any other equipment or items on the service road.

## 8 Yield to Official Vehicles Using the Service Road.

The service roads' primary purpose is to provide access for government personnel and contractors to operate and maintain the Canal Cod Canal and adjoining Federal lands. Users must give way to authorized vehicles, and avoid interfering with and/or impeding personnel utilizing the service roads.

#### **9** Use Lights At Night.

The roads are dark at night. Lighting exists primarily for navigation purposes. From dusk to dawn, all users should have lights that illuminate their route as well as improve their visibility to other users.



## 10 Consider This: Have You Outgrown the Canal Service Road?

The Canal's service roads are not suited for those who wish to travel at a high rate of speed. Consider your intended use, and determine if it exceeds the limits of the Canal's service roads. Selecting the right location is safer and more enjoyable for everyone.