

May 5, 2023

Hello park supporters,

It has now been two weeks since the launch of the Briones Pilot Project and the Park District is very appreciative of the public's support and cooperation. As a reminder, this Saturday, May 6 the pilot zone will be open to equestrians & hikers, and this Sunday, May 7 it will be open to bikers & hikers.

A note from the Pilot Project Team on the benefits of the Odd/Even weekend day strategy: *The overall intent of the Briones Pilot Project is to test strategies that can be used to share a limited number of trails and enhance trail user experience. While having designated single use trails for each user type (hiker, horse, bike) would be ideal, that is simply not possible if we are also going to protect the beautiful natural spaces that make our Regional Parks so special and provide critical habitat for our local flora and fauna. So, what can we do to protect our parks and still provide opportunities for unique trail experiences? One way is to separate user types chronologically or by time.*

In the case of the Odd/Even day strategy we are alternating by even and odd numbered weekend days. Already many people are starting to understand the experiential benefits of the Odd/Even day strategy. If you're an equestrian and you have a skittish horse or you are wary of being passed by fast moving bikes you can share the trails in the pilot zone with only other equestrians and hikers. If you are a biker, on odd numbered weekend days you don't have to worry about passing the south end of a slow moving north bound horse! While hikers are free to use hiking designated trails in the zone every day of the week, the even numbered weekend days (when bikes are restricted) provide a unique opportunity to use the trails designated for hikers and bikers (PB 5,6,7) all to yourselves without having to constantly listen for bikes around the corner. The idea is that you give up access on some days, but you get the opportunity to enjoy trails your way, or as us trail geeks like to say... to optimize your trail experience. Please remember to call out or use a bell when passing other trail users and aim to make every encounter with other trail users a positive one by slowing and saying hello.

The Park District appreciates your willingness to try new trail management and resource protection strategies through the Briones Pilot Project!

Here are some helpful project resources:

- [Briones Pilot Project](#) page with information and FAQs, *Banner* with upcoming weekend odd/even dates
- [Press Release](#) on Briones Pilot Project
- Briones Pilot [Zone Map](#)
- Briones Pilot [Schedule](#)
- Briones Pilot [Dig Days](#)

www.ebparks.org/briones-pilot-project

