

SAFE TRAILS: Quiz Answers

1. ANSWER: b.

The trail is most certainly not wide enough to accommodate three parties abreast. Passing in the grass on the right may startle other trail users and requires a somewhat risky transition from the grass back onto the raised asphalt surface of the trail. Attempting to accelerate and pass requires careful timing and assumes that the other bicyclist will not also accelerate to clear the way for you. The safe course of action is to slow down and wait until it is safe to pass. Since passing the walkers requires crossing the center line, then you must yield to the approaching bicyclist.

2. ANSWER: g.

The high cost of certain helmets is due to features such as light weight, air flow, and integrated technology and not due directly to safety. For children especially, attractiveness can make the difference between wearing a helmet or not. To be effective, a helmet must be properly sized for the head of its user and straps must be adjusted to position the helmet to protect the forehead and top of the head. General wear and tear and degrading of Styrofoam over time means that helmets should be replaced every 3 to 5 years. Any damaged helmet should be replaced immediately no matter how new. In the U.S., all helmets sold must by law comply with Consumer Product Safety Commission standards concerning testing.

3. ANSWER: c.

Even seasoned horses can spook and are prone to flight when scared. Provide the rider with the time and space to take action (e.g., moving to the side or turning the horse's head away from the trail) before passing.

4. ANSWER: c.

Class 1 electric bikes provide pedal assistance (i.e., the rider must pedal) for low speeds. Class 2 electric bikes have a throttle but operate at low speeds. These bikes have motors that allow the rider to move forward without pedaling. Class 1 and 2 e-bikes are permitted on the trail. Class 3 e-bikes are described as bikes with a motor, making riding effortless. Class 3 e-bikes can reach a speed of 28mph, but the Ohio maximum speed limit is 25mph and the trail speed limit is 20mph. Class 3 electric bikes are not permitted on the Little Miami Scenic Trail. See [this link](#) for more information.

How did you do? What is your trail safety IQ?

Now is a great time to enjoy the Little Miami Scenic Trail, but when you do, keep safety top of mind.