

# APPENDIX 3

## KEY ELEMENTS

### BIKE RIDERS CODE OF CONDUCT

#### PRINCIPLE 1

##### RESPECT OTHER TRAIL USERS

Slow to their speed

Always be alert and give right of way to pedestrians and stop and move off the trail when meeting horses on the trail

Avoid riding in large groups

Slow down or stop when approaching other trail users

Anticipate other trail users around corners and blind spots and be prepared to stop

Keep to the left

Alert other trail users of your presence

Give way to uphill bike users

#### PRINCIPLE 2

##### STAY ON DESIGNATED BIKE RIDING TRACKS AND TRAILS

Ride only on the approved tracks and trails

Respect rights of land managers to close trails and tracks

Do not create new tracks and use steps where they exist

Do not shortcut 'switchbacks' or cut corners on tight turns

Do not trespass on private land

Respect local bike riding restrictions (if they apply)

Leave gates as you find them or as signposted

### PRINCIPLE 3

#### MINIMISE YOUR IMPACTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Ride responsibly to protect the natural environment and avoid widening of tracks by riding over the vegetation

Do not ride on very soft, wet and muddy trails

Avoid damaging the trail by skidding or sliding around turns

Keep your bike clean to prevent spread of weeds and plant diseases

Take out litter

Never 'frighten' animals and wildlife on the trail

### PRINCIPLE 4

#### BE A SAFE RIDER

Plan ahead, get information and prepare accordingly

Know your ability and keep your bike under control

Keep your bike in good repair

Always wear a helmet

Be prepared for a change in weather conditions

Carry emergency repair equipment

Inform others of where you are riding