

Keystone Point – “Rules of the Road”

These “Rules of the Road” are for safety and harmony on the Keystone Point Road, and to minimize noise impacts on nearby cabins. Please read carefully and share this with family and visitors:

1. When preparing to drive up the road, **DO NOT** honk from the bottom turn-around area, or while directly in front of the nearby cabins. Instead, **PAUSE** where the road begins its rise adjacent to the Spring Road gate. Then comply with Steps 2-5 below – which apply whether one starts at the top or the bottom of the road.
2. Before honking, **LOWER WINDOWS AND SILENCE THE RADIO AND PASSENGERS. Briefly LISTEN** for honk signal from any approaching car – and if you hear one, move out of the way until that car passes.
3. When road appears clear, **HONK YOUR HORN** (limited to two short beeps, to reduce nuisance noise), to warn other cars that you are about to proceed. **PAUSE** again for a few seconds to **LISTEN** for any responsive honk from any car already on the grade – and if you hear one, move out of the way until that car passes.
4. If road seems clear, **PROCEED WITH CAUTION, BUT CONTINUE TO LISTEN** while on the grade. If you then hear a honk from an approaching car, quickly **RESPOND WITH ONE SHORT BEEP** to signal your priority.
5. Otherwise, **DO NOT** use horn further while moving on the grade. Also, **DRIVE SLOWLY AT ALL TIMES** – do not assume full right of way – there will be some drivers who have no knowledge of our system. Also, pedestrians may be present along the road.

QUIET NIGHT-TIME USE: When it is dark enough for headlights to light up the road and trees (especially on high beam), that will substitute for horn warnings.

PROBLEMS OR IMPASSE: If these Rules fail for any reason, resulting in cars facing each other while both are on the grade, consider using the wide spot about 1/3 down the grade for passage, and also use common courtesy if any easy retreat is available for either car. For example, if a car heading uphill has advanced up only a quarter of the grade at that time, it should back down to the nearest place to permit passage of the other car. BUT, if all else fails, the basic California driving rule gives priority to the car heading uphill, and requires the car heading downhill to back up to the wide passing spot or to the top of the road.