



WICKENBURG HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION TRAIL RIDING ETIQUETTE

1. Be saddled and ready to ride at the appointed time.
2. The WHA recommends that all riders carry a comb and needle nose pliers to remove any cactus that may get on you or your horse/mule.
3. If there is State Land Trust land on the ride, remember to post your state permit in the window of your vehicle and carry the individual permit with you. If you do not have a permit go to: azland.gov/RP or call 602-542-4631.
4. Each ride will have a designated Trail Leader and may have one or more drag riders. These persons are responsible for everyone's safety and enjoyment on the ride. Stay with the group, behind the leader, and in front of the drag rider. Notify the Trail Leader if you need to stop. The Trail Leader will stop the ride and if a rider needs to dismount then he/she will not restart the ride until all riders are remounted.
5. Stay on the trail. Do not cut corners. When the trail permits, side by side riding will provide an opportunity for conversation. Do not speed past or up behind another horse/mule, and never pass in dangerous terrain. When necessary to pass the horse/mule in front of you, call out your intentions.
6. Any horse/mule will kick. Tie a red ribbon to your horse's/mule's tail to let others know it is a known kicker. Maintain a safe distance between horses/mules. Try to stay at least one horse/mule length between your horse/mule and the horse/mule in front and two to three horse/mule lengths on hills.
7. If you are riding a stallion, let the Ride Leader and other riders know. Put a yellow ribbon on the stallion's tail.
8. No dogs allowed on trail rides. In camp, all dogs must be in your control at all times. No dogs at the lunches or dinner areas of the WHA rides and campouts.
9. No animals are to be ponied on any ride. This includes but is not limited to horses, ponies, mules, donkeys and burros.
10. No alcohol is allowed on the trail.
11. No littering. When possible all riders should see that the trail is left cleaner than it was before the ride.
12. When allowing your horse/mule to drink at water, wait until all horses/mules are finished before proceeding.
13. Due to the association's liability exposure, only WHA members in good standing are allowed on trail rides. However, we welcome and encourage guests for a nominal fee, currently five dollars per guest. Members that bring a guest(s) on a ride are responsible for each five dollar fee. All riders **MUST** have a signed Wickenburg Horsemen's Association Liability Form on file with the Association or Ride Leader. Each child under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult and is advised to wear a helmet.