

RIDE RULES & TRAIL ETIQUETTE

1. **No stallions** are allowed at camp or on trail rides.
2. Stay behind the Trail Boss at all times.
3. All horses are capable of kicking when pressured by another horse. Keep your distance to avoid problems. If your horse is a known kicker, please tie a **RED** ribbon on the tail as a warning to other riders.
Equines that are known kickers must have a red ribbon tied to their tail or tack that is visible from the rear.
4. When riding in a group, if you cannot **see the rear feet of the horse in front of you, you are too close!**
5. If you need to catch up with the group **do not run or trot up behind another horse**, allow yourself plenty of stopping area as not to "spook" the horses in front.
6. When riding single file on a narrow trail, please do not stop your horse for water.
7. If in a group ride, try not to lag behind by a large distance, this makes it difficult for the Trail Boss to keep track of riders and possibly cause you to lose the group by taking a wrong trail direction.
8. If you want to get ahead or around another rider, verbally tell them of the action you want to take.
9. **No smoking or dogs on trail rides.**
10. **Please stay on designated trails.** Making your own trail or taking a short cut is strictly enforced because of the erosion problems it can cause.
11. For the safety of your riding partners please keep a single file in hazardous areas. You and your horse may be capable of handling a situation, but by charging through, you can cause another rider an accident by your actions.
12. **Follow all Park Rules.** You are responsible for being aware of the rules.
13. Do not dispose of any trash or containers on the trail. **If you brought it in you can pack it out.** Bushes are not "waste cans" and no one likes to see someone else's trash as part of the scenery. **Please pick up someone else's trash when you can and make our riding areas more pleasant for all.**
14. **Close all gates whether they were open when you arrived or not.** Don't presume you have someone behind you to close the gate later. **Leave all gates as you find them.**
15. Do not chase cattle or other natural habitat animals. Scattering cows, etc., upset the animals and can cause loss of privileges to ride on rangeland.
16. Watch out for snakes.

Have a safe and happy day with your horse, fellow equestrians and the great outdoors!