

Trail Etiquette

For the safety of all riders, the Trail Boss has ultimate authority for each ride.

Stay behind the Trail Boss and in front of the Drag Rider. Any rider that leaves the group will no longer be considered part of the trail ride. In the event that a rider must leave the group, another rider will be assigned by the Trail Boss to escort that rider back to the trailhead.

Inform the Trail Boss if you have to stop for any reason. All horses should be stopped before an individual dismounts.

If a person falls or dismounts, stop immediately and remain stopped until they are remounted.

If a horse spooks or becomes unruly, stop and remained stopped until the horse is back under control. Please keep the horse you are riding under control, or ask for help as needed.

Stay on the trail. Do not run up or down hills/inclines. Do not run up behind other horses, run away from other horses, or run past other horses. If you must pass another rider, alert the other rider. Pass to the left. Yield to uphill livestock traffic, and always look ahead. Horses are herd animals; they will try to stay together. If one horse bolts the others will try to follow.

Maintain a horse length between your horse and the horse in front of you. You should be able to see the rear hooves of the horse in front of you between the ears of your horse.

Watch for trail dangers and warn those behind you of potential trail dangers such as low hanging branches, holes, barrel cactus, and wire.

Helmets and boots designed for riding are strongly recommended.

Saddles are required. Bareback and bareback pads are prohibited.

No riding double.

Ponying and/or free-trailing livestock are prohibited.

Alcoholic beverages on the trail are prohibited.

Dogs are prohibited on the trail ride.

Obey posted rules and signage.

Please do not litter, and pack out litter found on trail.

Flora and fauna encountered during the ride are not to be disturbed.

Horses who are known kickers, may kick, or don't like other horses close to them should wear a **RED** ribbon on their tail.

Stallions should wear a **YELLOW** ribbon on their tail.

Horses that are inexperienced should wear a **GREEN** ribbon on their tail. Riders who are inexperienced should wear a **GREEN** ribbon on their arm. Inexperienced horses and/or riders should ride in the middle of the group.