

Ride Rules & Trail Etiquette

1. No Stallions or intact Jacks are allowed on trail rides.
2. Keep your equine one animal length behind others.
3. Equines that are known kickers must have a red ribbon tied to their tail or tack that is visible from the rear.
4. Do not stop unnecessarily. If a stop is necessary, move off to the side of the trail, and advise the trail boss that you are stopping.
5. Stay behind the Trail Boss at all times.
6. Do not lag behind the group; stay in front of the drag rider and with the rider in front within sight.
7. Do not run or trot up behind another animal.
8. When passing, advise the riders in front of your intention, do so at a walk.
9. Stay on designated trails.
10. Dogs are not allowed on trail rides.
11. Ride single file in hazardous areas.
12. If you bring it in, you pack it out.
13. Leave all gates as you found them.
14. No smoking on the trail.

These minimal ride rules are to ensure that every rider has a safe, enjoyable ride. There are numerous other "rules" that could be listed, but if common sense is used, they are not needed.

It is strongly suggested that you do not use RGMDA group rides as an event to "try out" your new mount. Practice with smaller groups before joining a larger group.