

Powhatan Riding Association Trail Rules

Group safety should be considered ahead of one's own safety

- Set pace according to least experienced rider and horse
- If large group, possible division according to ability
- Try to walk creek crossing and rocky areas
- Do not leave a dismounted rider
- In summary be considerate of others

Horses should be reasonably well mannered and kept under control when possible

Horses should be up-to-date on all shots and be sound.

Do not allow your horse to sniff horses from other stables or drink from their water bucket.
(disease prevention)

Lead horses that refuse to move forward should go to the rear

Red ribbons in the tail should be worn by kickers, green ribbons for green horses, yellow for stallions.

Allow at least one horse's length between you and the horse in front of you

Turn your horse's head toward the horse passing you so there is no chance of your horse kicking. Ask permission to pass.

If in the lead, ask people behind if ready to move on

Use hand signals to indicate "slow down" or "stop"

When riding be sure to close all gates that were closed, and if you jump, be sure to repair any damage you may do

Never ride in planted fields

Never ride across any field when wet

Ride perimeter of fields only unless special permission has been granted

Walk past cattle and loose horses whenever possible

No dogs should be brought along on rides

Approved helmets are highly recommended while mounted

No smoking while riding

No drinking of alcoholic beverages when riding

Be courteous and friendly to all landowners.

Assume responsibility for any damage you might do to another person's property (e.g. damaging a jump)

Trail Head and Campground Etiquette

1. No loose Dogs in camp or on the trail.
2. Children under age 18 must be under adult supervision at all times (both in camp and on the trail).
3. No generators should be run between the hours of 10pm and 6am.
4. 5-minute limits with water hose/spigot when others are waiting. Also be sensitive about water consumption if a well is being utilized.
5. All picket lines attached to trees must employ protection for the tree (i.e. no bare ropes)
6. Campfires are Allowed/Disallowed are prescribed at that site
7. If there's a water trough - dip fresh buckets rather than allow the horses to share.
8. All campsites must be clean before leaving area. Haul garbage out unless there is a designated area for disposal.
9. Manure and left over hay disposal should be handled as directed by the facility. If the rules are not clear then pack it out. Clean up all manure from public areas such as parking lots.
10. Follow Parking instructions is given to keep the camp from getting so haphazard that you can't pull out or that you block others in. Do not take more parking space than needed if the camp area will be crowded.
11. Be considerate in the size of corrals. 20X20 maximum or 12x12 minimum are acceptable sizes depending on how crowded the camp will be.
12. Language must be appropriate for family atmosphere.
13. Courtesy and good horsemanship must be in use at all times.
14. Warm up horse away from campsites. Horses should be kept at a walk in camp and other public areas.
15. No riding in camp between 10 p.m. and 6 am.
16. Horses must be attended when in camp (i.e. if you leave the facility be sure that you have asked someone else to keep an eye on your horses.)
17. Do not make it a practice to keep your horses in the trailer all night. Horses moving around in the trailer during the night are more likely to disturb other campers.
18. Abide by facility or management rules with regard to alcohol and smoking in camp or on the trail.
19. No loose horses in camp (i.e. do not drop the lead rope and allow your horse to graze).
20. No Stallions.