

## Trail Ride Expectations

We hope everyone is ready to hit the dusty and muddy trails again! The Activities Committee has put together a program of varied trail rides for this year. We hope that all of you will be joining us for some--and hopefully--all of our rides. Just a reminder of what is expected for HCRC trail rides.

1. We welcome all riders and their mounts, but we do ask that you and your equine be in proper condition. A brief description of the length of each ride is included in the Calendar and monthly newsletter. If you are unsure of the difficulty level of the ride call the contact person ahead of time.
2. Trail Rides are free to all HCRC Members (unless otherwise stated in the ride description in Calendar of Events). Guests are welcome to attend HCRC rides. There is a \$10 fee to all non-member guests and they must sign a release. Riders under 18 must have both parents/guardians sign.
3. A "ride time" is established for each ride; and we plan to leave promptly. Please be courteous to your fellow riders by arriving in plenty of time to tack up and get ready. It is frustrating to wait for a few stragglers. If you are late, you may be left behind, and will be on your own.
4. When you plan on attending a ride, please let the contact person know in advance. Please be sure to call in advance! If a ride is cancelled, we notify those people who have contacted the ride host to say they are planning to attend.
5. Please bring a snack and water for yourself. Guests are expected to pay for their own meals on the Pancake Breakfast Ride. For club sponsored events where food is ordered in advance, no-shows will be assessed all associated costs. On the other hand, people who show up without prior notification should plan on providing their own food.
6. Please provide hay, feed, and water for your horse. Bring whatever you need.
7. Pick up and remove all trash, hay and manure where your horse is tied to the trailer, or in a temporary corral. Remember to do this at the Club as well, moving excess hay and manure to the woods/tree line.
8. Check all equipment before leaving on a ride. Bring extras "just in case". Be prepared for the unexpected.
9. If you need help or have questions, ASK! We usually can come up with an answer or solution if we all put our heads together.
10. Be courteous on all rides! On unmarked Club rides with a trail leader, that person is in charge and all riders must remain behind him/her at all times. Riders going out ahead may get separated from the group. Because horses can act unpredictably when approached from behind, always warn the rider ahead of you if you plan on passing. If your horse is a known kicker, mark his/her tail with a red ribbon. Always leave ample room between your horse, and the one in front of you. Do not engage in behavior that might endanger others around you. Respect all horses' inherent unpredictability.
11. Please stay on designated trails. Do NOT venture off onto private property or neighboring farm fields or yards.
12. Please have a current Coggins test with you. It is required by state law and by our Club. It is your responsibility to inform your guests that they need this.
13. Dogs are not allowed on club rides. Dogs must be restrained at all times on Club grounds.
14. Remember to be respectful of others. Remember to be tolerant of others, we're all different. We wish all a fun, safe riding season. Bring a friend or two on our rides and enjoy! **Please be sure that you and your guests have signed the HCRC ride release form.**

These rides are all organized by HCRC volunteers. Give a hand. Enjoy the rides.