

RULES OF THE RIDE – 2016 Please read these carefully.



1. No dogs on the trail. No stallions. No mares with foals at their side.
2. Horses that kick/bite must have a noticeable red ribbon in their tail/on their bridle and halter at all times and must always be tied where they cannot kick/bite other horses.
3. All smokers must field strip their smokes when done and put butts in their pocket -- both on the trail and in camp. Smoking while on parade in towns is strictly prohibited.
4. Horse owners must clean up after their animals at each encampment.
5. Trash at lunch stops and in camp must be put in the garbage containers provided.
6. No liquor on the trail or you will be dismissed from the ride.
7. No illegal drugs at any time or you will be dismissed from the ride.
8. Disorderly or abusive individuals will be dismissed from the ride.
9. For every horse's health, each must have its own bucket. Before you come on the ride, please have your horse practice drinking or eating treats out of it so that it will accept the bucket on the ride. For bio security reasons, horses will not be allowed to drink from a communal watering trough. All troughs will be the domain of all horses, so buckets are essential equipment.
10. All riders under the age of 18 must wear an approved riding helmet. Those over the age of 18 are encouraged to do so as well. (Your health care system thanks you.)
11. While riding with the group, no traveling faster than a trot.
12. While the group is on parade, if there are wagons or carts, all riders must stay behind the wagons and/or carts unless otherwise requested by the wagon/cart masters.
13. Quiet time starts at 10:30 pm. You can stay up and visit quietly around the fire if you wish, but no music or loud talking after that time.

SUGGESTIONS:

1. Your horse may not need to be shod, but we always suggest that that is your best alternative, especially if you will be with us for some time. For the most part we will be on horse-friendly off-road trails. Because we will be on pavement from time to time, if you have shoes, borium (aka tungsten carbide) shoes are highly recommended.
2. If your horse will be shod, you should bring a spare set of horseshoes in case you lose one on the trail.
3. If your horse is shod, but not shod with borium, we suggest bringing horse boots for those times when we will be on pavement since those surfaces can be dangerously slippery for hooves that are shod without borium.
4. Your horse will get hay for the duration of the ride. SafeChoice, **compliments of Nutrena**, will be available for those horses that have been conditioned to it.
5. Adding apple cider vinegar to water can make it more palatable for horses that don't like a change in the taste of their water. If your horse is a picky drinker, habituate it to water with a touch of apple cider vinegar before you leave home and we'll have apple cider vinegar available for you. (And it's good for them too!)
6. Put some leather strips and/or baler twine, a Leatherman tool and duct tape in your saddlebag. You can fix a lot of equipment failures with these simple tools.
7. Bring an extra saddle blanket in case of rain.
8. Bring rain gear.
9. Bring bug spray and sun screen – for both you and your horse.
10. Bring a spare lead shank.
11. Bring a camera.
12. Don't forget your sense of humour.