



Buffalo Bill Saddle Club Trail Ride Guidelines

Buffalo Bill Saddle Club trail rides are limited to members only. However several times throughout the year we have open rides for guests and friends. Open rides are indicated on your calendar.

Trail Boss and Drag Rider are the ride Supervisors. Know who they are prior to the ride. For the sake of safety and comfort, they have the final say. No one is to ride ahead of the Trail Boss, or behind the Drag Rider. If you are asked to be the Drag Rider, you ARE NOT to PASS the LAST RIDER, except to get help, if needed. Your job is to supervise the back of the ride and you MUST BE the LAST rider.

Please be on your horse and ready to ride by the specified time.

The ride must leave on time. If you are running late, it is your responsibility to inform the Trail Boss that you will be catching up and to make sure you know the trail.

Stay on the trail between the Trail Boss and the Drag Rider. If you must leave the ride or trail, notify either supervisor.

If the Trail Boss is the Landowner, DO NOT ask to ride ahead.

Keep with the ride pace. Do not race past others OR lag behind. (If you lag too far behind, you may have to leave the ride.)

Fight erosion and stay on the trail, no shortcuts.

Pass on the left at a walk or trot after asking permission.

Maintain a safe distance between horses. Do NOT tailgate. If you or your horse get kicked, it is YOUR fault (the rider in front of you cannot see how close you are getting.)

If your horse has a tendency to kick, tie or weave a red ribbon in the tail.

Do not stop on narrow trails or at the top of a steep hill until it is safe for all riders.

Be considerate at watering places, cross down stream of drinkers at a slow pace.

Work slowly across streams. After your horse has taken a drink, continue across the stream, moving up several horse lengths in order for the next horse to have a place to move to when they have completed their drink. Continue moving in this manner until all horses have completed the crossing.

All refuse must be carried out. Pack it in, pack it out. Put litter in trash cans or carry it home. Take out more than you brought in.

No smoking when mounted, filter must be carried out with remainder extinguished and buried.

Controlled dogs are allowed per rules of govern at each ride, unless specified no dogs.

Members are responsible for conduct of guests. Members are responsible to inform guests of riding guidelines. Members are also responsible for ponying of horses containing small riders who cannot comfortably control a horse at a walk, trot or stop. (Not only for the small rider's safety, but for the safety of others who may be in the path of an uncontrolled rider and horse.)

Heels and saddles are required. Breast collars, back cinches and cruppers are recommended on most rides for safety's sake.

Let's abide by these rules and make our Club an enjoyable experience for all members and guests to enjoy!