

Redshank Riders Trail Ride Guidelines

1. Don't ride nose to tail on the trail. Maintain a reasonably safe distance. The horse or mule in front may decide to kick. If you tailgate and get kicked, it is your fault.
2. If your horse or mule is a kicker please put a red ribbon on tail.
3. Don't run your horse by other riders. If you want further up the line, ask the rider in front of you if they mind if you pass (at a walk).
4. Never ride ahead of the trail boss. If you plan on leaving the ride before completion, please notify the drag rider or trail boss.
5. If we are on designated trails, stay on trail.
6. Do not leave trash on the trail. Practice Gentle Use.
7. Be considerate to fellow riders and their mounts. Everyone has a problem now and then and we need to understand. Let's make sure we do not cause their problem.
8. There will be no smoking on the trail.
9. No dogs or stallions allowed on the trail. The dog may spook some of the horses.
10. No ponying of horses or mules. (Packed animals excluded)
11. If a problem arises please notify the trail boss or drag rider.
12. Do not stop on narrow trails, especially ledge trails. Trail boss will try not to stop unless it is safe for all riders.
13. There will be no drinking while on the trail unless it is at a designated stop. Please drink responsibly.
14. Do not race or run your horse past other riders.
15. Try your best to be ready at ride out time. Do not hold everyone up.
16. If a gate is closed when riding through it, make sure it is closed after we pass. If gate was open, leave open.
17. Do not run up hill.
18. BCHC members only ride, unless it is a free day that has been pre-approved. Non-members can join prior to the ride. This is due to our insurance.
19. These guidelines will be enforced by the president or vice president of the unit or trail boss.
20. Observance of county and State Park rules will be mandatory on their premises.
21. All riders must sign in prior to ride.
22. No horses or mules move out until all riders are mounted.
23. Leave a clean trail head or camp, free of all manure and trash.
24. All riders under the age of 18 must wear a helmet.