

Trail Ride Rules

Rochester Trail Riders

1. Trail Master will oversee all trail ride organization and activities
2. All waivers, Coggins and Rabies certificates must be signed and turned in prior to start of day's events.
3. All unforeseen disputes will be settled by the Trail Master (his/her decision will be final).
4. No dogs allowed, whether on a leash or not.
5. Problem horses are to be at the rear of the group and have a green ribbon tied in their tail.
6. Everyone will be in the saddle at the specified riding time.
7. Horses will be kept at a distance of two (2) horse lengths behind the Trail Master's horse unless one has been requested to do so otherwise. The remaining horses are generally okay with one horse length apart.
8. Trail rides will go no longer than two (2) hours without a break.
9. No horse or rider will be allowed to spontaneously "break" from the group to bolt ahead at a non-walking gait.
10. The trail ride will be led by the host or chosen leader.
11. It is forbidden to bypass the leader unless verbal permission is granted.
12. A medical release form will be required for all persons under the age of 18 if not accompanied by a parent or guardian.
13. Any person under the age of 18 must have an adult willing to represent them on the ride.
14. Safety and good sportsmanship will be fully enforced. No exception to the rules.
15. No riding double.
16. Negative Coggins Test and Rabies vaccination required.
17. **ALL riders regardless of age are required to wear an ASTM approved riding helmet at any Rochester Trail Rider function.**
18. No riding on trails where horses are prohibited are allowed.