



Sacramento Valley Conservancy's
Equestrian Riding Rules at Deer Creek Hills 2023
Equestrian Guest Riding Rules

1. The Lead Docent is in charge of each ride and will select at least one Sweep Docent and Communication Docent to assist during the ride.
2. Appropriate riding tack and apparel are recommended for public outings.
3. It is recommended that guest horses be shod or wear hoof boots and wear breast collars; protective head gear is recommended for adults and required for minors. Riding boots are required for all guest riders.
4. Rides are at a "walk" pace, with the discretion of the Lead Docent.
5. Guest riders will maintain at least one horse length distance between horses on any trail at all times.
6. Guest riders will not race up to other riders; ask the guest rider in front of you if it is okay to pass.
7. Guest riders will not pass Lead Docent or fall behind the Sweep Docent without permission.
8. Guest riders will not leave the group/outing without informing the Lead Docent and/or Sweep Docent. Guest riders will always be escorted by a Docent back to corral area.
9. The Lead Docent has the discretion to excuse any guest from the public outing/ride.
10. Guest riders are responsible for their horse's trail riding manners; horses that kick –or– feel crowded must wear a red tail ribbon.
11. Speak with a Docent if you –or– your horse is experiencing difficulties.
12. Stallions or mare with foals are not allowed at public outings/rides.
13. No ponying of a second horse.
14. No riding double is permitted, except in an emergency.
15. Any guest rider under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



16. Tie horses to horse trailer or to hitching posts. Do not tie to corral fences. The corral pens are off limits to equestrians and guests to DCH.
17. Leave No Trace "Pack It In – Pack It Out"
18. Do not pick plants or flowers; leave resources as you find them.
19. No chasing or throwing anything at the cattle or other animals on the property.

Health and Safety

1. All visiting guests must sign a liability form for every visit to Deer Creek Hills.
2. Advise a docent if you have any serious health concerns. Docents need to be aware of existing serious health issues so appropriate actions can be taken if an emergency arises.
3. Advise a Docent if you are allergic to bee stings and the location of your EpiPen.
4. Avoid cow pies. They can appear dry and still be very slippery
5. No smoking allowed at any time when visiting Deer Creek Hills.
6. No dogs are allowed at Deer Creek Hills, unless it is a qualified service dog.
7. Look out for snakes, especially near rocks or logs.
8. Drink adequate water to stay hydrated.
9. Bio-breaks are to be taken at least 200 feet from any water source.
10. Avoid poison oak. Remember, if it has three leaves, let it be.
11. Check for ticks after the ride.