

Tips To Enjoy Your Ride

Organized trail rides can be a relaxing way to meet other riders and enjoy the natural beauty of Maryland's open space, scenic horse farms, woods and park land.

Here are some basic guidelines to help prepare you for your ride.

- 1 Select a stable licensed by the Maryland Horse Industry Board (MHIB).** These stables have met the State's standards of care for horses and consumers. However, MHIB can only guarantee that the stables listed are licensed by the State of Maryland and have met these standards. MHIB is listing these stables as a courtesy to the consumer and stable and, does not, however, in any way whatsoever, endorse any particular stable or guarantee its services.
- 2 What To Wear.** Always wear an equestrian helmet. Keep your cell phone in an ankle, belt or arm strap. Keep the cell phone on YOU—and not the horse. Protect your legs with long pants. If possible, wear boots or hard shoes with a heel for safety.
- 3 Before The Ride.** Listen carefully to the instructions of your ride leader. Establish clear expectations with the leader. Let them know your level of riding experience. How fast do they plan on going? How long do they plan to ride? Plan to ride in single file. Get to know your horse. Give him a friendly pat.
- 4 During The Ride.** Keep the length of one horse between you and the horse in front. Stay behind the ride leader. Ride leaders should check with riders periodically to be sure they are comfortable at the pace. Try to keep all horses together and to keep up with the group. If you are the last horse, don't hold back so that you can catch up at a faster pace. This could cause horses in front to spook.
- 5 Trail Courtesy.** Watch your step. Tread gently when the trails are muddy; footprints, bicycle ruts and hoof prints can damage the trails. Help others. Look and listen. Stay on marked trails. If you need to pass another horse, ask permission from the rider in front of you and pass to the left.
- 6 After the Ride.** Thank your ride leader. Give them feedback that might be helpful. Also give your horse a friendly word and let him know how much enjoyment he gave you. In the event you visit a facility that you believe is substandard in care and safety, please contact MHIB with your concerns.
- 7 Maintain the trails.** If you come to enjoy trail riding, get to know the stable owner and/or join a trail riding group. Help maintain trails. Schedule a work day with your local group or parks agency, or sign up to join a "friends" group that maintains trails where you like to ride.

The best views are from horseback!



Find A Horse — Find A Friend — Find Fun.

Saddle Up Maryland



To learn more:

Maryland Horse Industry Board

mda.maryland.gov/horseboard

Maryland Horse Council mdhorsecouncil.org

The Equiery equiery.com

Trail Riders of Today (TROT) trot-md.org

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

dnr2.maryland.gov



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Directory to Trail Riding Stables & Guided Trail Rides in Maryland

See Maryland from Horseback!

35 Licensed Trail Riding Stables—located in 16 counties from Western Maryland to the Eastern Shore

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Maryland Department of Agriculture

Maryland Department of Natural Resources





LICENSED TRAIL RIDING STABLES/GUIDED TRAIL RIDES

WESTERN MARYLAND

Garrett County

1 BROKEN SPOKE STABLE
301-616-4681 • OAKLAND
brokenspokestable.net

2 CIRCLE R RANCH
301-387-6890 • OAKLAND
deepcreeklakestable.com

3 WESTERN TRAILS
301-387-6155 • OAKLAND
westerntrails.net

Washington County

4 ELK MOUNTAIN TRAILS
301-834-8882 • KNOXVILLE
elkmountaintrails.com

5 WINDY ROCK EQUINE
240-357-6752 • CLEAR SPRING
windyrockequine.com



Broken Spoke Stable



Western Trails



Elk Mountain Trails



Windy Rock Equine

CAPITAL REGION

Frederick County

6 SERENDIPITY HORSE MEADOWS
301-514-5671 • WALKERSVILLE
serendipityhmf@yahoo.com

Montgomery County

7 HUNT VIEW FARM
301-775-7051 • POOLESVILLE
huntviewfarm.com

8 PARK OVERLOOK FARM
301-943-9975 • BROOKVILLE

9 RIVER BOTTOM RANCH
301-253-0999 • DAMASCUS
riverbottomranchmd.com

10 WAREDACA FARM
301-570-4191 • LAYTONSVILLE
waredaca.com

11 WHEATON PARK STABLES
301-622-2424 • WHEATON
wheatonparkstables.com

Prince George's County

12 PISCATAWAY STABLE
301-297-9808 • CLINTON • piscatawaystable.com

13 NOTTINGHAM LANDING FARM • 410-610-7595
UPPER MARLBORO • See Facebook Listing



Waredaca Farm



Wheaton Park Stables



Piscataway Stable

CENTRAL MARYLAND

Anne Arundel

14 BEECH GROVE FARM • 410-320-3330
GAMBRILLS • beechgrovefarm.biz

15 EASY RIDER RANCH • 410-859-0098
HANOVER • See Facebook Listing

Carroll County

16 HAPPY ON HOOVES
443-507-6558 • HAMPSTEAD
happyonhooves.com

17 LIBERTY STABLES
410-552-0606 • FINKSBURG
libertystablesmd.net

18 MISTY MANOR
410-781-4810 • MARRIOTTSVILLE
mistymanor.com

19 RIVER VALLEY RANCH
410-374-8295 • MANCHESTER
rivervalleyranch.com

Harford County

20 WINDSWEEP STABLES • 410-734-7740
ABERDEEN • windsweptstables.org

Howard County

21 PATAPSCO STABLES • 443-562-0571
MARRIOTTSVILLE • patapscostables.com



Easy Rider Ranch



Happy On Hooves



Windswept Stables



Beech Grove Farm

SOUTHERN MARYLAND

Calvert County

22 CANAAN FARMS
410-257-0706 • HUNTINGTOWN
canaanfarmscalvert.com

Charles County

23 SOUTHERN GRACE FARM
240-298-3518 • BEL ALTON
southerngracefarm.com

EASTERN SHORE

Caroline County

24 JEWEL'S LANDING FARM
410-634-1436 • RIDGELY
jewelslanding.com

25 RIVER'S EDGE RANCH
443-262-6936 • GREENSBORO
rivers-edge-ranch.com
(MUST BRING OWN HORSE)

Cecil County

26 CLOVER RIDGE STABLE
302-397-4412 • ELKTON
See Facebook Listing

27 FAIR HILL STABLES
410-620-3883 • ELKTON
fairhillstables.com

28 FAIRWINDS FARM & STABLES
410-658-8187 • NORTH EAST
fairwindsstables.com

29 GROVE POINT STABLES
252-305-3421 • EARLEVILLE
grovepointstables.com

30 PAINTED HORSE RANCH
831-801-7549 • ELKTON
See Facebook Listing

31 ROLLING HILLS RANCH
410-378-3817 • PORT DEPOSIT
rollinghillsranch.org

Dorchester County

32 WINDY WAY HORSES
443-205-3429 • HURLOCK
windywayhorses.com

Talbot County

33 COUNTRY COMFORT FARM
410-253-7252 • ST. MICHAELS
countrycomfortfarm.com

Wicomico County

34 HOLLY RIDGE FARM EQUESTRIAN CENTER
410-835-2596 • WILLARDS
hollyridgefarm.com

35 HOOFF PRINTS TRAIL RIDING CENTER
410-835-8814 • PARSONSBURG
hoofprintstrailriding.com



Canaan Farms



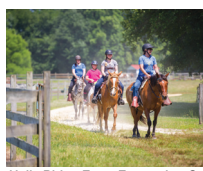
Fairwinds Farm & Stables



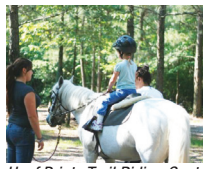
Fair Hill Stables



Country Comfort Farm



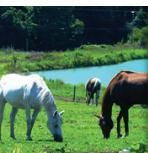
Holly Ridge Farm Equestrian Center



Hoof Prints Trail Riding Center



Windy Way Horses



Painted Horse Ranch