

Plan Ahead

Before going riding it is important to plan ahead. A responsible rider takes time to prepare for their outing. Whether you are camping or just going out for an hour ride, a rider needs to be aware of situations they may be encountering.

After making the decision of where you are going to ride, call Agency who over sees operations of the area. Information you may want to ask:

What are the rules and regulations?
Are parking or trail passes required?
What are the current trail conditions?
Are there any trail closures?
What weather conditions are expected?
Are there any restrictions on group size?
Is weed free feed required?
Are there any fire regulations?
Can I graze my horse? Is there graze for my horse?
Do you have a map of the area?

Take an inventory of the items you will need for you ride. Always check the condition of you equipment. It's better to find out a leather strap is about to break when your at home, then to find out after it breaks when your 10 miles from your trailer.

Tell someone where you are going and how long you plan to be gone. If possible, show them where you will be on a map.

Have an emergency plan ready in case something happens to you or your horse. Let someone in your party know where your spare keys are. Let someone know where you keep your emergency numbers and information.

If you plan ahead, you will have a safe and enjoyable ride.