

ATRA Trail Etiquette Guidelines (updated April 2010)

- When riding with a group, be saddled and ready on time.
- Realize the capabilities of you and your horse and ride to the abilities of the least experienced horse and rider.
- Extend help to riders in trouble or with less experience. Never ride away from a dismounted rider.
- Join or be a riding "buddy" with a single rider in the group if they need to leave the ride. We do not recommend riding alone on any trail.
- Proceed at a walk in heavily congested areas and let other riders know before passing. Never pass the trail boss.
- Have control of your horse at all times and maintain a reasonable space between horses. Do not allow your horse to nuzzle, scratch or threaten or run up on other horses.
- Respect private property and the rights of other trail users. When meeting others move to the right of the trail.
- Remember to wait for the person closing gates to remount.
- Always flag your horse with a ribbon on the tail if it has a tendency to kick or threaten other horses.
- If you spot a hazard, point it out to other riders and wait until all riders have safely passed it before proceeding.
- Do not run up or down hills.
- Remove all manure / trash from the parking lot.
- Know the trail. Take a map, compass, and/or GPS and emergency supplies.
- Riders are encouraged to wear helmets. Be a good example.
- Ride on designated or established trails. Do not cut between switchbacks or take short cuts. Minimize environmental damage to the trail.
- Avoid riding after heavy rains.
- Do not bring dogs on the trail, unless everyone on the ride agrees.
- Leave no trace - carry out what you carry in. When on the trail, camping or in the staging area keep your impact to a minimum.
- Have a fun and safe ride that EVERYONE will enjoy!