

# Trail Etiquette Reminders



*Where All Horses Count*

## **Safety First**

- Ride at the level of the least experience horse/rider in the group
- Get group consent before increasing speed
- Communicate concerns
- Ride with 10 feet or more between horses
- Call out dangers for riders behind

## **Ribbons – Tail & Mane**

Red = Kicker

Green = Novice

Yellow = Stallion

## **Be Courteous**

- WAIT for others
  - Gate opening & closing
  - All horses to drink
  - Rider off
  - Etc.
- Do NOT run up behind horses

## **Save the Environment**

- Practice “Leave No Trace” Ethics
  - Pack it in pack it out
  - Remove dropped hay
  - Take home manure from picket or tying
  - Spread manure (on trail)
- Stay on the designated trails

## **Multi-User Trails**

- Practice at home – desensitize in advance
- Hikers & bikers yield to horses
  - Ask them to stand on downhill side of trail
- Talk to other users
- Stay relaxed
- Exchange numbers in each party

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