

Geronimo Trail Guest Ranch
Horseback Riding Guidelines

1. Please pay strict attention to your wranglers and the guidelines; they are for your safety.
2. Please sign the Waiver and Release as well as the Registration form before riding.
3. Sorry, there is no double riding.
4. Helmets are required for children under the age of 13. We have helmets and brimmers for sun protection available for anyone who would like to use one.
5. Cowboy boots or riding boots with a smooth sole and a heel are required. Sneakers or footwear with a lug sole and/or no heel are not permitted. It is important that your foot comes out of the stirrup easily and quickly in the event of a fall. We do have some cowboy boots to lend. Please ask about sizes.
6. Hats must be secure and not subject to blowing off. Please use a string tied securely under your chin. We have stampede strings available for sale in the gift shop if you need one.
7. Avoid quick movement or making noises around the horses that might startle them. Approach your horse from the side (not directly from the front or rear) and let them know of your presence.
8. Do not mount before your horse's cinch has been tightened (your wrangler will do this for you).
9. Practice good horsemanship:
 - a. Hold reins properly and securely (in one hand, palm down, hand held low, loose rein).
 - b. Keep your heels down.
 - c. Lean forward when going uphill and back when going down; sit up straight when it is flat.
 - d. Always be alert. It is when you are not paying attention that something is most likely to happen.
10. Do not handle your horse roughly; do not jerk the reins, etc. Do not slap or pat your horse – if you are trying to reward them use a gentle rub or scratch!
11. Watch for branches and always steer around obstacles, or if necessary, lean forward, not backwards to go under them.
12. Stay one full horse length behind the horse in front of you or you risk getting kicked.
13. Do not let your horse eat while you are riding. We have loco weed here which is poisonous and can kill them if they eat it. Also, your horse is more likely to stumble and possibly fall if they are trying to eat because they are not thinking about their feet.
14. If you drop something (camera, hat, water bottle, etc) let a wrangler get it for you.
15. You are welcome to take a camera, however it must be secure, not loose. Please let your wrangler know if you want to take a picture and they will be happy to stop. Never let go of the reins while trying to take a picture.