

BRACKENRIDGE PARK & RECREATION COMPLEX

Owned and Operated by the Lavaca-Navidad River Authority

EQUESTRIAN TRAIL RULES

All persons must register at the Brackenridge Park Office before using the Equestrian Trail. Our purpose of setting trail policies is to promote trail riding and encourage the compatibility of equestrian trails with natural resource conservation and wildlife protection; to educate the general public relative to equestrian recreational activities and to provide safe and enjoyable trail riding facilities.

TRAIL SIZE: The trail length is 12.5 miles (20.12 km) (round-trip). The trail is an improved grass covered dirt trail, winding through wooded areas and open grasslands. The trail is 16' wide and can accommodate 3 to 4 riders side by side. Rest areas situated at various locations along the trail include a covered picnic table and a hitching post. Drinking water is available for horses at trailhead only. Horses are allowed to drink from the lake at your own risk. Please observe the signage for designated areas. Stay on the established trail. ***Do not enter*** areas where access is closed or prohibited. Courteously respect other riders. Unruly conduct of riders and/or horses is not allowed. Horses and riders are ***NOT ALLOWED*** on Park roads, or any other areas that are not part of the designated Equestrian Trail. **Horses are not allowed in any part of the campground.** Use Trail at your own risk. The Lavaca-Navidad River Authority (LNRA) is not responsible for accidents.

HORSES must not be left unattended or tied to bushes, trees, underbrush or structures that may cause damage. Visitors must provide their own horses; there are no rental horses available.

REQUIRED FEES must be paid before entering the trail to obtain trail permit and parking instructions. Parking is limited.

GROUPS: Groups of ten or more riders must be pre-registered by a Trail Boss prior to arrival. Please check-out (during regular business hours) at the Park Office when you are leaving. Trail entrance gate code will be provided at time of check-in. Groups must provide adequate chemically treated mobile restrooms or port-a-cans. Placement areas will be designated at time of registration. ***All persons in the group must be registered.***

AGE REQUIREMENT: Individuals under 21 years of age are not allowed to use the trail unless accompanied by a responsible adult 21 years of age or older.

COGGINS TEST: A current negative Coggins Test must be registered at Park Office before entering the trail. (Form VS 10-11), compliance with the Texas Animal Health Commission rules. All riders in a group must be registered and provide required documentation which shall be made available for inspection upon request of any Lavaca-Navidad River Authority personnel acting within the scope of their official duties.

TRAIL HOURS: Access hours of use are limited to the following: Monday through Sunday from Daylight to 30 minutes before dark. All horses and riders must be off the trail at that time. Trail hours must be strictly observed at all times. Equestrian Trail is subject to closure without notice during wet weather or any other times as necessary. Call ahead for Trail conditions. (361-782-5456)

VEHICLES: Vehicles must be parked in designated parking areas only. Motorized vehicles are prohibited from entering the trail. All Terrain Vehicles (ATV's), Dirt Bikes, Golf Carts and Motorized Scooters, of any type (powered by gasoline or batteries) are NOT ALLOWED on the trail. Any vehicle, trailer, or other property found parked or left unattended in unauthorized areas may be towed and stored at owner's expense. Horse drawn *Wagons* with rubber tires may be allowed on the trail by ***SPECIAL PERMIT (to be displayed on the wagon)***. Application for permit should be made at Park Office.

TRASH should be disposed of in trash containers provided along the trail and at trailhead. Littering of any kind is prohibited (including cigarette butts, hay strings, or wood shavings) on the trail or trailhead. Do Not clean out trailers on LNRA property. Violation of the litter policy is subject to a fine of minimum \$25.00 and up to a maximum of \$500.00 as stated in the Lavaca-Navidad River Authority Ordinance #1.

PRIMITIVE CAMPING: Primitive overnight camping is allowed in designated area at trailhead by ***SPECIAL PERMIT***. R. V. Camping is available in Brackenridge Park. **Horses are NOT ALLOWED in Brackenridge Campground.**

RESTROOMS: There are no restrooms available at this time. **Portable restrooms are allowed by SPECIAL PERMIT, must be self-contained and chemically treated.** Application for permit should be made at Park Office.

FIREARMS & FIREWORKS are NOT PERMITTED on any Lavaca-Navidad River Authority Project Lands.

OUTDOOR FIRES ARE NOT ALLOWED except in Barbeque Pits by SPECIAL PERMIT and in designated areas that are provided for that purpose. Camp stoves are allowed in designated areas. Firewood collection is prohibited.

STALLS & PENS are available for rent on a first come, first served basis. All horses must be secured and contained over night.

GLASS CONTAINERS are NOT ALLOWED on the trail, and will be confiscated.

PETS are NOT ALLOWED on the trail or left tied and unattended.

MUSIC that is loud and excessive is NOT ALLOWED.

WILDLIFE is abundant in the trail area. For your protection and theirs DO NOT aggravate, pet, feed or attempt to catch or trap any wildlife.

DRINKING WATER is *not available* on the trail for human consumption. You will need to bring your drinking water. Bottled water & soft drinks are available for purchase at the Park check-in office.

 **THESE RULES ALSO APPLY TO OFF-ROAD BICYCLE TRAIL USERS**

PLAN TO BRING ANY NEEDED ITEMS WITH YOU.
(Insect repellent is recommended).

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