

Washington State Horse Park

2018 RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Washington State Horse Park Authority strives to operate the Horse Park in a safe, sustainable manner; to provide a healthy environment for recreation and enjoyment, and to preserve the natural beauty of the setting to the fullest extent possible. To support these objectives, the following rules are applicable to all visitors.

GENERAL RULES

1. Obey all permanent and temporary signs posted by the Horse Park.
2. Visitors bringing a horse onto the property are to immediately register at the Office or self sign-in kiosk in order to sign a liability release and pay any relevant fees, or to check in with the Event Organizer, prior to unloading.
3. All vehicle tires must remain on gravel – no parking or driving on grass or in woodlands.
4. Stay on designated pathways and trails and in all other ways avoid disturbing the undeveloped ground and vegetation that comprise the Park’s fragile woodland ecosystem. Do not forge new paths.
5. No motorized vehicles or horse-drawn carriages on trails, including dirt roads, except as specifically authorized by Park management.
6. No cutting or removal of branches, trees or other natural vegetation, except as specifically authorized by Park management.
7. Leave the property as you found it for the next visitor - pick up manure and scattered hay, strip your stall, fix pawing and other impacts, and dispose of trash.
8. Personal safety
 - a. Any person riding or driving a horse should wear protective head gear. Any adult choosing not to do so, or parent of a child who allows their child to ride/drive without protective head gear, assumes all risks which may result from their decision, including injury or death.
 - b. Anyone jumping obstacles is required to be with a trainer registered with Park management, or be registered with an event, and must wear protective headgear, shoes with a heel; those jumping outside of an arena must wear a safety vest.
 - c. Although not required, it’s a good idea to take a powered-up cell phone with you on the trails.
9. Horse handling:
 - a. Horses may not be tied to trailers or other structures unattended.
 - b. All horses on the property overnight must be kept in a stall (one horse per stall) with bedding and water.
 - c. Do not tie horses to trees.
 - d. Horses are not allowed in woodland RV hook-up camping spots #2-14, due to damage, manure and other impacts that degrade the setting for visitors
 - e. Lunge in designated areas by the stalls; no lunging in arenas without prior approval of Park management.
10. Serious fire hazards!!
 - a. Only propane-fueled fire is allowed, and only on gravel or bare dirt surfaces at least 8 feet from the nearest vegetation in RV and parking areas. No charcoal, wood or other cinder- producing fire materials allowed at any time.
 - b. No smoking near vegetation, stalls, arenas, or in any building. All smoking material is to be fully extinguished and disposed in nonflammable containers, not in trash cans.
11. Dogs:
 - a. All dogs must be on a leash while on Park property; please pick up after your dog and keep it under control.
 - b. All dogs must be on leash while on the trails - dogs can scare horses, injure or kill wildlife, and be injured or killed by predators.
12. Do not dig into or otherwise materially alter arena footing.
13. Any information or material affixed to the stalls must be removable and secured in such a way as to not cause damage.

HEALTH AND SAFETY RULES

1. Call 911 immediately in the event of an emergency. Other emergency contact information may be posted at/near the Office.
2. The Horse Park should be made aware of any accident or injury requiring emergency medical treatment as soon as qualified medical assistance is contacted.
3. Emergency Medical Technician(s) are required to be on site for certain organized activities, as agreed in advance with the EVENT SPONSOR.
4. If hazardous conditions occur, (e.g., lightning, heavy rain, ice, heavy wind, etc.) Horse Park has the right to postpone or cancel any activity or event.
5. Horse Park reserves the right to require immediate removal of a horse to an isolated location at owner's expense if a horse is deemed by a licensed veterinarian to have, or be a carrier of, an infectious disease.
6. Horse Park, in cooperation with EVENT SPONSOR, may remove dangerous, disruptive or unlawful persons from Horse Park property; request the assistance of law enforcement officers in removal of such persons or in resolving other problematic situations, and request the assistance of emergency medical personnel, veterinarians or law enforcement officers to address any issues that come to the attention of the Horse Park.

VEHICLES & PARKING RULES

1. All vehicles (including cars, trucks, trailers, vans, motor homes, RV's and golf carts) must remain on gravel and be parked in designated areas.
2. Hook-ups for trailers/camper/ RV's include water and electrical, and in some cases sewer. Any vehicle parked in spaces supplied with these services is required to pay for a Hook-up space, whether plugged into utilities or not.
3. Only licensed persons may operate a motorized vehicle on Horse Park grounds.

EVENT SPONSOR shall take all steps that are reasonably necessary to enforce the above regulations.

The Horse Park will take whatever action is necessary to enforce these Rules and Regulations, which may include towing of offending vehicle(s), fines and/or restrictions on future use of the Horse Park.

The Washington State Equine Limitation of Liability Act, RCW4.24, applies to all horse-related activities associated with the Horse Park. Horses by their very nature present a risk of injury, harm or death. Riders represent that they are qualified to participate in the activities and at the levels they elect. All horses on the property participate entirely at the owner's and rider's risk. The owner/rider is personally responsible for damages to third parties caused by themselves or their horse.