

GRANBY HORSE COUNCIL TRAIL RIDING REGULATIONS [Please Post in Your Barn for Future Reference.]

1. Because of insurance regulations:
 - A. All riders must be members of the GHC.
 - B. All members under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.(9/21/11)
2. Rides will be at a walk-trot unless otherwise stated in specific trail ride write-ups in the newsletter or announcements at meetings. Go with the flow. Do not lag behind the group.
3. You must stay between the trail boss and the sweep at all times.
4. The trail boss is in total control of each ride. Safety is our first concern. If a horse or rider could create an unsafe situation, the trail boss will use his/her discretion as to whether or not the horse and rider may continue. If necessary, a guide will be provided back to the trailers.
5. Trail rides are social events for the GHC. Please bring a sociable horse! All horses are a problem now and then, and this is understandable. We do not want our rides to become training sessions. The GHC would like to have training sessions for the green horse/inexperienced rider. Let us know if there is a need for such training.
6. Since our rides are social events, people will naturally move up and down the line to visit (but only when the line is walking). When doing so, please pick up a slow trot and call out, "Passing on the right (or left)." This will give riders a chance to have their horses in control as you pass by.
7. When road riding, stay in line and to the right. All horses stay to one side of the road.
8. When crossing a road, do so as one group. Lead horses must wait until the group is collected and ready to change direction as one unit.
9. If you come upon hikers or bikers, give them the right-of-way. Turn your horse's rump back off the trail and face the passer-by. Smile and say, "Hello". Chances are, they will back off and want to watch you go by. You should make the first move (good PR).
10. When the horses are headed up or down a hill, please don't stop at the top or bottom! Move quickly away so those behind can come up or down safely.
11. When riding with a group (or even alone), upon entering an open field, hug the edge and stay in line. Do this regardless of the condition of the field.
12. We recommend you take a halter and lead line on every trail ride. These items may come in handy in an emergency.
13. Tie a red ribbon to the tail of the kicker or nervous horse. This is must for the safety of all riders and horses!
14. Dogs are not allowed on GHC trail rides.
15. Double riding is not allowed.
16. Please be considerate when smoking on the trail and prevent fires by field stripping.(2/20/12)
17. Bee encounter procedure: Shout "Bees". Everyone must move out picking up the trot or canter for at least ¼ mile.
18. To receive the Strain Family Jacket award, you must ride all the GHC rides that are designated as "jacket rides."(4/20/10)

Field Notes

- Riding in McLean's is allowed on yellow marked horse trails between April 15 and Nov. 30.
- Organized rides cross private lands by special permission and are not necessarily open to riders at other times.
- **ONLY** GHC MEMBERS ARE ALLOWED TO RIDE THROUGH CLARK'S BUSHY HILL ORCHARD. RIDERS MUST HAVE AN "ORCHARD PASS". CONTACT THE TRAIL COMMITTEE CHAIR TO ACQUIRE THE PASS. STAY ON THE ROADS. **DO NOT RIDE BETWEEN THE TREE ROWS!**
- On Multiple use trails, greenways, driveways, or near mailboxes, kick manure off the pavement or return to remove it.
- Clean up manure, hay and trash from parking area.
- The rings at Holcomb and SB Park are for all horseback riders use.