

LEAVE NO TRACE FOR EQUESTRIANS

#1: PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE

- Be aware of all regulations for the area you're visiting. Do you need to show proof of Coggins? Are there certain areas horses are allowed and not allowed?
- Travel with first aid supplies for all people and horses. Ask your veterinarian what they recommend to have with you on a trail ride.
- Ensure all equine are trained, equipped, and prepared for the terrain and environment ahead of time.

#2: TRAVEL & CAMP ON DURABLE SURFACES

- Make smart choices to reduce your impact!
- Trampling causes damage to vegetation and soil. Always concentrate impact on existing trails.
- Do not alter the habitat to fit your needs.

#3: DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY

- Waste includes trash, food, liquid, and animal waste.
- Dispose of all trash and food particles in designated receptacles. Leaving food on the ground can be harmful to wildlife and may possibly take a long time to decompose. Did you know it could take up to 2 years for a banana peel to decompose?
- Avoid introducing new forms of liquid into natural water sources.
- Break up and scatter equine manure when possible. Even better, keep a manure fork in your trailer to shovel waste into a waste bucket and pack it out.
- If you have a dog with you, always bag and dispose of their waste in a designated trash receptacle.

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#4: LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND

- Always be thinking of others who will visit after you, including local wildlife. There could be other organisms that rely on the natural elements you find, so it's best to leave them where you find them.
- Remove seed from animals, clothing and supplies to prevent the production and spread of invasive or noxious species. You may even consider using certified weed free hay.
- Parks and trails are regulated by the Antiquities Code of Texas. As such, any unauthorized digging is prohibited by law.

#5: MINIMIZE CAMPFIRE IMPACTS

- Be aware of all regulations regarding open flames for the area you are visiting. For example, open flames are prohibited at Garey Park.

#6: RESPECT WILDLIFE

- Observe any wildlife you come upon from a distance without disturbing them.
- Bring some binoculars to more easily view wildlife from far away.
- Never feed animals, including leaving behind discarded food scraps.

#7: BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHER VISITORS

- Be conscious of others around you and ensure you are not blocking their access both on and off the trail.
- Be mindful of how and where you park your trailer to allow for others to park easily as well.
- Good communication on the trail builds bridges between different user groups. Warn others of your approach or kindly ask them to step aside so you may pass safely.
- The Golden Rule never fails - always treat others how you would like to be treated.