

**R. O. RANCH DAY USE TRAILHEAD
SPECIAL USE AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

- Prior to the ride, all persons riding horses on the R.O. Ranch must complete a daily special-use authorization (SUA). The special use authorization is obtained at no charge at the day-use trailhead information kiosk.
- Riders are encouraged to stay on marked trails.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on the R.O. Ranch and District property. Riding while using or under the influence of alcohol or drugs is prohibited.
- Littering, trash dumping and vandalism of Ranch and District property are prohibited.
- The day-use trailhead and trails are open for daylight use only, no overnight camping.
- No firearms are permitted on the R.O. Ranch or District property.
- The removal or disturbance of trees, plants, soil or mineral matter, and cultural artifacts is prohibited.
- Horse manure may inadvertently help spread diseases and some harmful exotic plant species to new locations, or harm the water resources. Please remove your horse's manure from the day-use trailhead parking area and take it home with you.
- No ATVs.
- No bicycles allowed on equestrian trails.
- All dogs must be on a leash.
- Failure to comply with the terms of this Authorization is a violation of Chapter 40B-9, Florida Administrative Code, and may lead to penalties including, but not limited to, revocation of this authorization.
- Inherent Risks: Under State Statute 773.04(1)(b) Every Equine activity sponsor and equine professional shall give the participant a written document which the participant shall sign with the warning notice specified in subsection (2) clearly printed on it. Said written document may be used in lieu of posting the warning on the site of the equine activity sponsor's or equine professional's facility.

State Statutes 773.04(2)

WARNING

Under Florida law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

- Coggins Test

Under State Statute 585.671 and Chapter 5C-18.010 (2)

Negative EIA Test for Assembly. Horses which are congregated at public or private assemblies must have a report of a negative EIA conducted within the previous 12 months. Such assemblies include boarding stables and pastures, shows, exhibitions, fairs, rodeos, racetracks, trailrides and any other public or private assemblies. The test must be reported on VS Form 10-11 (Apr 90).

Rider Safety

- Travel in groups of two or more.
- All riders should wear appropriate clothing and safety equipment.
- Plan ahead and prepare for your ride, know the regulations for the area, and prepare for extreme weather and hazards or emergencies.
- Certain natural conditions, plants or animals encountered on the R.O. Ranch and District lands can be dangerous. It is your responsibility to exercise reasonable caution and care in threatening situations or areas.
- Ride within the limits of your ability. Don't go faster than you can safely handle. Watch out for other riders. When in doubt, take time to think and look the situation over before you proceed.
- Place ribbons in the tails of horses: stallion (yellow), biters (blue), kickers (red)
- Recommended additional equipment checklist.
 - Adequate supply of drinking water for rider and horse. (Non-potable water is available at the trailhead, but rider must provide a bucket to water their horse.)
 - Map & compass (know how to read and use both of them)
 - First Aid Kit
 - Emergency Blanket
 - Signaling Devices (mirror & whistle)

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Permit # _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

In Case of Emergency Contact: (name) _____ (phone) _____

SPECIAL USE AUTHORIZATION CONDITIONS OF USE

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(Continued on reverse side)

Upon signing this Special Use Authorization (SUA) to ride on the R.O. Ranch and District land, I agree to abide by the SUA Conditions of Use. Please read both sides before signing, then place upper portion in collection box and lower portion on vehicle dash where readily viewable.

(Signature)

Parents or guardians must sign for children under 18 years of age

(Please Detach)

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