

# TTBCH TRAIL SAFETY



We want to make sure all riders and all horses —at every level— are safe and enjoy our group rides. Our basic safety guidelines are below. Happy riding!

- Ride to the greenest horse/rider ability.
- Only dogs that strictly obey owner on voice command and do not purposefully bite/spook horses under their legs or behind will be allowed on a ride. Each ride will evaluate the amount of dogs showing up at a trailhead and decide at that point if there are too many dogs trying to go on one ride. It is up to the owners to discuss and decide the safest choice for all members.
- Wait till everyone is ready. Ask “is anyone not ready?”
- Kicking horses must ride in back w/YELLOW or RED ribbon in his/her tail!
- Keep a safe distance between horses -you should be able to see 1/2 the horse’s tail in front of you.
- All riders should use same gait (speed)- choose your group- fast *or* slow riders. Separate into “faster” and “slower” rider groups that depart 15 mins apart and meet at chosen break spot.
- Let others know when you're passing; but avoid this when possible.
- First one in line: ask hikers to yield downhill and instruct hikers not to get behind bushes, but instead talk and be seen until all riders have passed.
- Before changing gait, make sure everyone is comfortable, aware and ready to go. Avoid large gaps between horses.
- Stream cross watering rules- avoid leaving others behind while horses are watering to avoid panic. Last horse needs time to drink too.
- If a stop is needed, PLEASE communicate it forward. Yell, “hold up!”