Horse Riding Etiquette

We will try to match up the riders and horses according to experience and personality. If there is someone that is very timid/scared please let us know. Also let us know if you have had any horse experience.

Wranglers will go over basics before the ride, but there are a few things that the rider should know to help make things run more smoothly.

* While riding your horse keep a horse length distance between you and the [horse](http://www.weebly.com/uploads/6/8/6/9/6869652/Horse%20Riding%20Etiquette.docx) in front of you.
* If someone in the group needs to stop, it is wise that everyone stop so that the horses do not get separated.
* When going up or down a hill, give your horse plenty of space to travel at his own pace.
* Speak up when you feel unsure, worried, etc. We want to make this a fun experience. ☺
* Remember to keep weight in your feet, (heels down), and that is what keeps you in the saddle.

Words that our horses know:

* **“Whoa”**- means to stop
* **“Easy”**- means to slow down.
* **Click, click,** with the tongue - means to move out faster. (wranglers will demonstrate)
* \*Please do not let your horse eat along the trail. His job is to focus on what you are asking him to do.

What to wear

* Wear long sleeve shirts to prevent scratches on your arms.
* Hats are recommended
* Wear jeans or other long pants. (no shorts!)
* Closed toe shoes only. (tennis shoes)

We will be stopping to look at ruins along the way. The ride will take about 3 hours. If you need to go to the bathroom we will be stopping for a break about half-way. There are no bathroom facilities. It’s smart to bring water, as it is a dry climate. You can also bring treats or sandwiches that we can pack on the horses.

There are two wranglers to help with the trail ride. There will be one leading and the other taking up the rear. Please ask any questions about your horse or the ride with them. We hope you have a wonderful ride!

\*\*\*\*\*There will be areas that we can have the horses move into a trot or canter. If you do not want to do this let us know prior to the ride.

Your Wrangler- Lynette Stevens