

Gold Coast Trail Ride Rules:

- * No smoking, alcohol, firearms or dogs permitted on the ride.
- Keep a safe distance between each rider and horse (rule of thumb one horse, two on narrow trails and hills).
- Do NOT pass Trail Boss (leader of the ride)
- Ask permission before passing the horse in front of you and then do it quietly.
- If your horse kicks, so indicate with red ribbon in tail.
- Respect our land—stay on designated trails.
- Do NOT leave trash behind.
- Do NOT chase livestock or wildlife.
- Stay at a walk or slow jog, we have various levels of riders and wish “All” to have a safe ride.
- Stay together as a group, (all should be within eyes view)
- Follow all Park Rules. Clean up all Manure from your horse in the parking area.
- Children under 18 must have a responsible Adult riding/walking along with them. They must also wear a helmet.
- Stallions may only be ridden by Adults. Riders to be aware of the effect that Stallions may have on others (such as Mares).
- No first time horses on our trail rides. If your horse has never been on a trail ride before Group Rides are not conducive to first time horses. “If you need help taking your horse on the trail for the first time, please contact the trail committee and we will try to connect you up with a trail buddy for one on one training....”
- For safety all riders must wear/carry an Emergency Information Card.
- Riders must sign-in with Trail Boss on all rides.
- A First Aid kit to be available at every trail ride.
- A Majority consensus of the Trail Committee may cancel any ride when necessary.

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- We request Pre-Registering your intent to ride with Annette Zuck, (408)776-3600, A2ZCOCKERS@aol.com, by Wednesday prior to the ride. This enables us to make appropriate purchases for food/gifts, to provide maps etc., Also to contact you should the ride be cancelled for any reason.
- Trail Boss is in charge of trail route. They may choose to split group in two and assign a second trail boss to accommodate different levels of riders if necessary.
- Trail committee will preview all trails routes prior to group ride.
- Gold Coast is trying to encourage new riders to join us we need to be mindful of the category of trails we choose for the safety of all riders. Single track trails may not be conducive to beginning riders, group riding, safety of all riders/horses, and its social benefits.
- Trails should have no low branches etc. be safe for large groups. We average 5 –20 riders. With rides lasting 2-3 hours.
- It is suggested that all Riders should wear helmets and appropriate attire (boots, long pants, etc., long shirts recommended).
- Owners should provide water for their animals and themselves.
- We are “Sunday Riders” which means we don’t trot, canter, lope, run, etc. We walk and enjoy the countryside and our fellow riders.
- When passing through gates, group must wait for all riders to safely pass through before moving on. Please leave gates as you find them (if open leave open if closed leave closed).