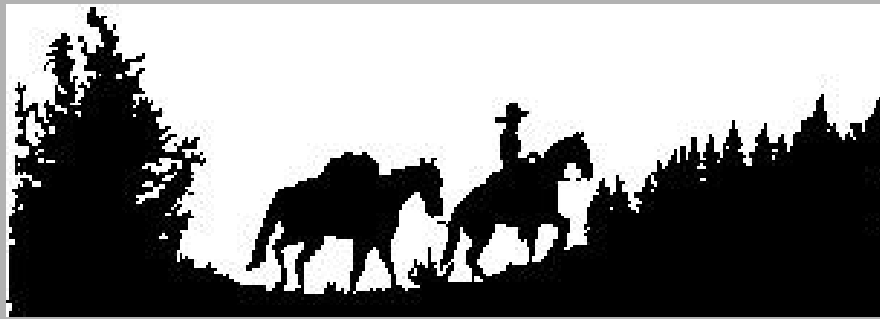


# Back Country Horsemen of Utah



TRAIL ETIQUETTE

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# Trail Etiquette

Rules for Safe Riding with Others



Common Courtesy always Wins

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# Specific Issues affecting our Group Rides

- Wait Till Everyone is Ready
- Yield
- Kicking Horses
- Distance between Horses
- All Riders use the Same Gait
- Water Stops

# Train your horse for Trails



# Aggressive dog



Train your horse for Trail Obstacles

YOUR HORSE  
IS  
YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

- Ride at a Safe and controlled speed
- Let others know when it's safe to pass your horse
- Read your horses body language and correct before it's too late



# Watch the Ears



# Know your Horses Temperament

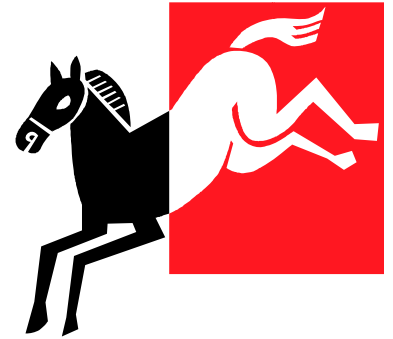


- **RED** RIBBON on the tail if your horse KICKS
- **YELLOW** RIBBON on the tail of a Stallion
- **GREEN** RIBBON on the tail of a Green Horse/Rider



YOUR HORSE IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

# If your horse Kicks...



Be aware of others around you

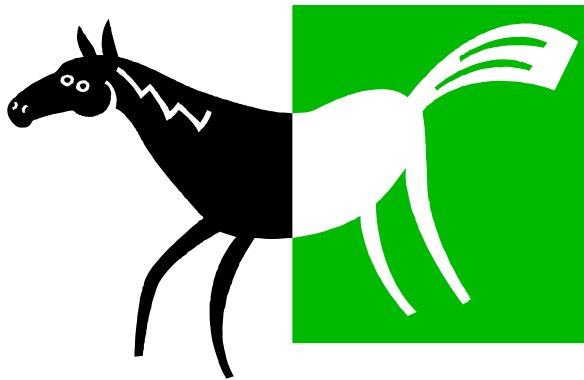
Don't put your horse in a position  
where he can kick another  
horse or rider.



Stay in Back or Away  
from the Group

**YOUR HORSE IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY**

# GREEN Ribbon

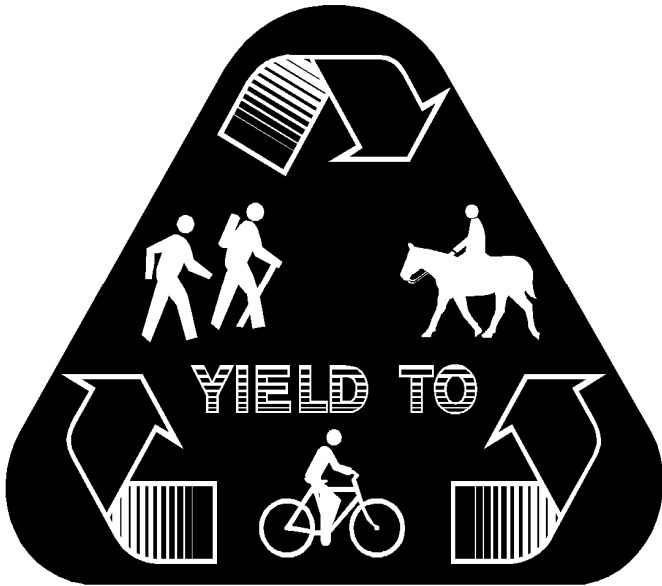


- GREEN Ribbon for Green Rider or Horse
- Everyone should take a little extra care around this horse and rider.

# Never Be Proud to Get off and Walk



# YIELD - Who yields to who?



- RULES say everyone yields to the horsemen.
- REAL LIFE - Common Courtesy dictates.

## Hikers Yield to Horses



## Bikers Yield to Horses

# SAY ‘HELLO

Strike up a conversation  
This does two things

1. It let's your horse know that backpacker is human
2. It's a Great Way to make friends along the Trail





# Riding up Hill



- Up hill Traffic have the right-of-way, regardless of hiker, biker or horsemen
- Bigger pack strings have the right-of-way

Common Courtesy Always Dictates

# HOW TO RIDE SAFE

- Give the Horse with the **RED** Ribbon Space
  - Maintain Distance Between Horses
  - Maintain Same Gait as the Group
    - Don't let Horses Bunch Up
      - Watch the horses ears

WAIT TILL EVERYONE IS  
READY TO GO...



# Practice Low Impact Riding

Stay on designated Trails

Don't cut switch backs

# Maintain the Same Gait

Do not run up on  
other riders



# GOOD DISTANCE BETWEEN RIDERS



- single track
- no tail gaiting

See the hoofs of the horse in front  
through your horses ears...



WAY TOO  
CLOSE

# Don't Bunch UP

Keep your own space

Trail Heads

Trails

Water Stops



Trail Leaders pacing the ride to the slowest horse



# Before Changing GAIT

ie. charging up a hill- or coming to a stop

Make sure everyone is comfortable with a  
change of Gait

Make sure Everyone is ready to go

Always ride away or into a group at a walk

# WATER STOPS

Decide at the beginning of the trail ride:



- IF your going to stop at the river and all drink...
- or
- IF you'll wait for the designated watering stop...

# RIVER STOP

## Riders in Front Horses

- Keep your space
- Make Room
- Be Patient
- Wait



## Riders in Back

- Keep your space
- Be Patient
- Wait your turn

# Gate Crossing

Leave Gates as you found Them



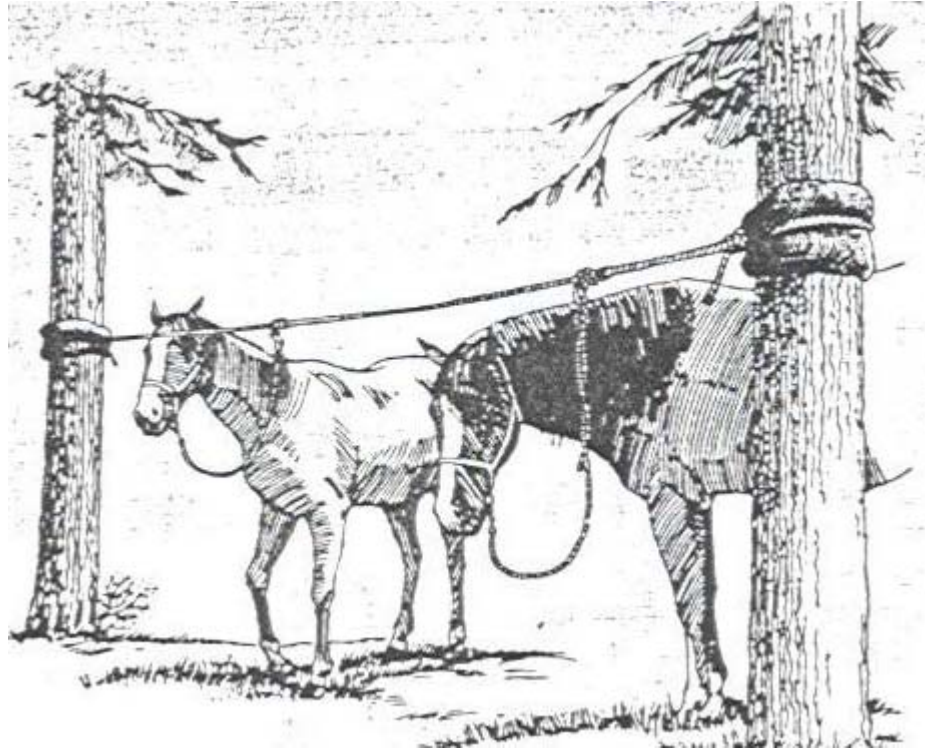
Private Property - Get Permission

# Be Prepared Learn

First Aid



# Hi-Line Horses



7 feet high, 7 feet from the tree, 7 feet apart

# Practice

## Leave No Trace Principles



Put your horse apples back in the Trailer

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# GO OUT AND RIDE



# HAPPY TRAILS

