

# Tips To Enjoy Your Ride

Organized trail rides can be a relaxing way to meet other riders and enjoy the natural beauty of Maryland's open space, scenic horse farms, woods and park land.

Here are some basic guides lines to help prepare you for your ride.

- 1. Select a stable licensed by the Maryland Horse Industry Board (MHIB).** These stables have met the state's standards of care for horses and consumers. However, MHIB can only guarantee that the stables listed are licensed by the State of Maryland and have met these standards. MHIB is listing these stables as a courtesy to the consumer and stable and, does not, however, in any way whatsoever, endorse any particular stable or guarantee its services.
- 2. What To Wear.** Always wear an equestrian helmet. Keep your cell phone in an ankle, belt or arm strap. Keep the cell phone on YOU and not the horse. Protect your legs with long pants. If possible, wear boots or hard shoes with a heel for safety.
- 3. Before The Ride.** Listen carefully to the instructions of your ride leader. Establish clear expectations with the leader. Let them know your level of riding experience. How fast do they plan on going? How long do they plan to ride? Plan to ride in single file. Get to know your horse. Give him a friendly pat.
- 4. During The Ride.** Keep the length of one horse between you and the horse in front. Stay behind the ride leader. Ride leaders should check with riders periodically to be sure they are comfortable at the pace. Try to keep all horses together and to keep up with the group. If you are the last horse, don't hold back so that you can catch up at a faster pace. This could cause horses in front to spook.
- 5. Trail Courtesy.** Watch your step. Tread gently when the trails are muddy; footprints, bicycle ruts and hoof prints can damage the trails. If you need to pass another horse, ask permission from the rider in front of you and pass to the left.
- 6. After The Ride.** Thank your ride leader. Give them feedback that might be helpful. Also give your horse a friendly word and let him know how much enjoyment he gave you. In the event you visit a facility that you believe is substandard in care and safety, please contact MHIB with your concerns.
- 7. Maintain The Trails.** If you come to enjoy trail riding, get to know the stable owner and/or join a trail riding group. Help maintain trails. Schedule a work day with your local group or parks agency, or sign up to join a "friends" group that maintains trails where you like to ride.

## The best views are from horseback!



To learn more:  
**Maryland Horse Industry Board**  
[mda.maryland.gov/horseboard](http://mda.maryland.gov/horseboard)

**Maryland Horse Council**  
[mdhorsecouncil.org](http://mdhorsecouncil.org)

**The Equiry**  
[equiry.com](http://equiry.com)

**Trail Riders of Today**  
(TROT) [trot-md.org](http://trot-md.org)

**Maryland Department of Natural Resources**  
[dh2.maryland.gov](http://dh2.maryland.gov)



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Find A Horse — Find A Friend — Find Fun.

# Saddle Up Maryland



**Directory to Trail Riding Stables  
& Guided Trail Rides in Maryland**

**See Maryland from Horseback!**

**33 Licensed Trail Riding Stables-located  
in 15 counties from Western Maryland to  
the Eastern Shore**

Maryland Horse Industry Board  
Maryland Department of Agriculture  
Maryland Department of Natural Resources





## Licensed Trail Riding Stables/Guided Trail Rides

### Western Maryland

#### Garrett County

**1 BROKEN SPOKE STABLE**  
301-616-4681 • Oakland  
brokenspokestable.net

**2 CIRCLE R RANCH**  
301-387-6890 • Oakland  
deepcreeklakestable.com

**3 WESTERN TRAILS**  
301-387-6155 • Oakland  
westerntrails.net

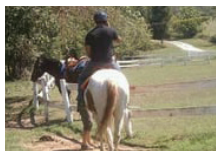
#### Washington County

**4 ELK MOUNTAIN TRAILS**  
301-834-8882 • Knoxville  
elkmountaintrails.com

**5 WINDY ROCK EQUINE**  
240-357-6752 • Clear Spring  
windyrockequine.com



Broken Spoke Stable



Elk Mountain Trails



Western Trails



Windy Rock Equine

### Capital Region

#### Frederick County

**6 SERENDIPITY HORSE MEADOWS**  
301-514-5671 • Walkersville  
serendipityhmf@yahoo.com

#### Montgomery County

**7 HUNT VIEW FARM**  
301-775-7051 • Poolesville  
huntviewfarm.com

**8 PARK OVERLOOK FARM**  
301-943-9975 • Brookeville

**9 RIVER BOTTOM RANCH**  
301-253-0999 • Damascus  
riverbottomranchmd.com

**10 WAREDACA FARM**  
301-570-4191 • Laytonsville  
waredaca.com

**11 WHEATON PARK STABLES**  
301-622-2424 • Wheaton  
wheatonparkstables.com

#### Prince George's County

**12 PISCATAWAY STABLES**  
301-297-9808 • Clinton • piscatawaystable.com

**13 NOTTINGHAM LANDING FARM**  
410-610-7595 • Upper Marlboro

See Facebook Listing



Waredaca Farm



Piscataway Stables



Wheaton Park Stables

### Central Maryland

#### Anne Arundel County

**14 BEECH GROVE FARM**  
410-320-3330 • Gambriells  
beechgrovefarm.biz

**15 EASY RIDER RANCH**  
410-859-0098 • Hanover  
See Facebook Listing

#### Carroll County

**16 HAPPY ON HOOVES**  
443-507-6558 • Hampstead  
happyonhooves.com

**17 LIBERTY STABLES**  
410-552-0606 • Finksburg  
libertystablesmd.net

**18 MISTY MANOR**  
410-781-4810 • Marriottsville  
mistymanor.com

**19 RIVER VALLEY RANCH**  
410-374-8295 • Manchester  
rivervalleyranch.com

#### Harford County

**20 WINDSWEEP STABLES**  
410-734-7740 • Aberdeen  
windsweptstables.org



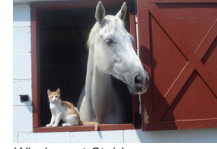
Easy Rider Ranch



Happy On Hooves



Beech Grove Farm



Windswept Stables

### Southern Maryland

#### Calvert County

**21 CANAAN FARM**  
410-257-0706 • Huntingtown  
canaanfarmscalvert.com

#### Charles County

**22 SOUTHERN GRACE FARM**  
443-298-3518 • Bel Alton  
southerngracefarm.com



Canaan Farm



Fairwinds Farm & Stables

### Eastern Shore

#### Caroline County

**23 JEWEL'S LANDING FARM**  
410-634-1436 • Ridgely  
jewelslanding.com

**24 HIDDEN MEADOW FARM**  
410-829-9251 • Greensboro  
hiddenmeadowfarmgreensboro.com

#### Cecil County

**25 FAIR HILL STABLES**  
410-620-3883 • Elkton  
fairhillstables.com

**26 FAIRWINDS FARM & STABLES**  
410-658-8187 • North East  
fairwindsstables.com

**27 GROVE POINT STABLES**  
252-305-3421 • Earleville  
grovepointstables.com

**28 PAINTED HORSE RANCH**  
831-801-7549 • Elkton  
See Facebook Listing

**29 ROLLING HILLS RANCH**  
410-378-3817 • Port Deposit  
rollinghillsranch.org

#### Dorchester County

**30 WINDY WAY HORSES**  
443-205-3429 • Hurlock  
windywayhorses.com

#### Talbot County

**31 COUNTRY COMFORT FARM**  
410-253-7252 • St. Michaels  
countrycomfortfarm.com

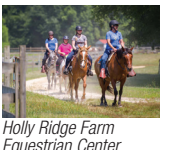
#### Wicomico County

**32 HOLLY RIDGE FARM EQUESTRIAN CENTER**  
410-835-2596 • Willards  
hollyridgefarm.com

**33 HOOF PRINTS TRAIL RIDING CENTER**  
410-835-8814 • Parsonsburg  
hoofprintstrailriding.com



Country Comfort Farm



Holly Ridge Farm Equestrian Center



Fair Hill Stables



Windy Way Horses



Hoof Prints Trail Riding CTR



Grove Point Stables