

CAMPGROUND RULES

WE'VE ONLY GOT 12. WE'RE COUNTING ON YOUR
COMMON SENSE
FOR EVERYTHING ELSE:
PLEASE USE IT

WE REALLY DON'T WANT TO MAKE ANY MORE RULES

- 1** No pets allowed.
- 2** Check-in time: **AFTER 14:00**
- 3** Check-out time: **BEFORE NOON**
- 4** Do not attach anything to trees or other vegetation.
- 5** Generators off: from **21:00 to 08:00**
- 6** Quiet hours: from **22:00 to 06:00**
- 7** Your secret is safe with us: **YOU WERE NEVER HERE**
But please help us out by leaving no trace of your stay:
 - ➔ Separate trash from recyclables and dispose in the appropriate bins.
 - ➔ Do not bring any shavings (mulch): you will not need it on our grassy pasture.We are very protective of our beautiful park and we enforce this rule **STRICTLY**: please don't get yourself banned.
- 8** Picnicking is for campers only.
- 9** Bicycles must be walked within the campground.
- 10** Only one vehicle + one trailer per single site; two max for doubles; and three vehicles + three trailers max in each triple site.
- 11** Do not use chairs, ropes, tape, cones, etc. to mark a perimeter.
- 12** If possible, feed your horses weed-free feed during the 48 hours prior to your arrival, and bring weed-free feed with you.

BESIDES THESE 12 SIMPLE RULES, PLEASE OBSERVE FIRE RESTRICTIONS AS POSTED, AS WELL AS ALL THE REGULATIONS OF THE POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE. FOR ADDITIONAL INFO:

CALL PRNS AT 415 464 5170 OR VISIT NPS.GOV/PORE

NIGHTLY FEES

- ➔ Fees can be paid online at fivebrookscamp.com or by phone at 415 390 6040
- ➔ If you are paying with cash, the camp host will be collecting your fee.
- ➔ Camping fees for your entire stay are due when you make your reservation.
- ➔ Walk-ins are required to pay for their entire stay prior to setting-up camp.
- ➔ Regular weekends require a two-night minimum stay.
- ➔ Holiday weekends require a three-night minimum stay.

NIGHTLY CAMPING FEES

TYPE	REQUIREMENTS	FEE
SITE	MAX: 1 TRUCK + 4 HORSES	\$ 15
ADULT	(AGE 100 & UP CAMPS FREE), ALL OTHERS:	\$ 12
TEEN	AGE 13 AND UP	\$ 12
CHILD	AGE 12 AND UNDER	FREE
HORSE	NOPE, WE DON'T CARE HOW OLD YOUR HORSE IS!	\$ 12

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NATIVE FLORA & FAUNA HELPFUL TIPS

SAFETY AND ETIQUETTE RECOMMENDATIONS

ON THE TRAIL

STINGING NETTLE

This plant has spiny hairs or stinging trichomes whose tips come off when touched. The hairs are transformed into a needle that injects a cocktail of poisons: acetylcholine, histamine, 5-HT, and possibly formic acid. When humans come into contact with these trichomes, they experience an intense sudden itch. If you can, get mud or make mud, then place it upon the affected area and let it dry. This will alleviate the initial itch. Horses experience the same itch but on a larger scale. The equine will want to scratch, often entering into more of the plants. Do not allow the animal to scratch and do not wet the area down. It is best to keep the animal moving toward your staging area where medical assistance can be obtained.

POISON OAK

This plant is a shrub or climber in nearby trees. It has three-leaflet leaves that are toothed or lobed, and hairless. The oil from the plant is what causes a rash. A human can contract poison oak just by the plants touching one's clothing, one's horse, or even dripping oil onto your skin without any direct contact with the plant. At the end of your ride it is best not to handle your sweaty equine with your bare hands. Allow the animal to dry, or, if the weather is warm enough, rinse off the animal and your shoes. Take your clothes off and bag them. Rinse yourself with tepid water before taking a warm shower. Your horse can eat small amounts of poison oak without any harm.

HORNETS, YELLOW JACKETS, & WASPS

These little guys can be deadly to you and your equine. Nests are usually not on the trail but near the trail. Autumn is the most dangerous season. Try to stay on the trail unless it is absolutely necessary to step off. Look at the ground and up into the trees before stepping off the trail. If you are swarmed, the best thing to do is to allow and encourage your equine to gallop up or down the trail quickly. The swarm will generally not pursue you for any great length as it desires to stay near the nest.

NATIVE ANIMALS

You will see black-tailed deer, particularly in autumn. They are busy eating acorns and any feed left on the ground. Raccoons, grey foxes, and skunks, are often around, hoping that you have left out some food, or even begging you for it. Black crows, ravens, and quails, enjoy the grain and hay seeds left over by your equine, as well as any food you leave outside.

**DO NOT FEED ANY OF THESE ANIMALS
BECAUSE THEY WILL BECOME AGGRESSIVE**

THE SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BELOW REFLECT
THE DISTILLED WISDOM OF SCORES OF YEARS OF TRAIL RIDING EXPERIENCE

PLEASE REMEMBER THOUGH:

THE BASIC WELLBEING OF THE HORSE AND RIDER
IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE RIDER

YOU KNOW YOUR SKILLS AND YOUR HORSE
BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE

- 1 Safety considerations begin with checking that your equipment is in good condition and in good working order. Your horse should be in adequate physical condition for your style of riding. On rocky trails, keep shoes or EasyBoots™ on your horse. Leave your dogs at home. A saddle and bridle or hackamore is recommended for the comfort and safety of the horse and rider.
- 2 Certified equestrian helmets are recommended, especially for junior riders. Wear appropriate clothing that can be layered; wear sturdy boots with heels. Some riders may choose to wear a cross-country vest designed to protect the torso in the event of a fall.
- 3 Recommended items to take along in your saddle bag: halter and lead rope; hoof pick; shoe laces for repairs; EasyBoots™; collapsible bucket; and horse electrolytes. Recommended items to take on your person: water; energy bar; knife; cell phone with pre-programmed emergency numbers: Sheriff: 415 479 0911 or 415 479 2311; Point Reyes Nat. Seashore: 415 464 5100; salt; matches; bandana; vet wrap; personal medications; first aid kit; sunscreen; area map; camera; compass.
- 4 No smoking on the trail. Stay on designated trails; most agencies do not permit off-trail riding.

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- 1 NEVER PASS OTHER TRAIL USERS AT SPEED. Always slow down when passing others, especially with children present.
- 2 TROT OR CANTER BELOW 15 MPH and only when the trail provides good sight-lines.
- 3 NEVER ASSUME. Trail recommendations and DMV rules state that hikers, cyclists, and motor vehicles should yield to horses. Do not assume that other users or vehicle operators are aware of these facts. If needed, give other trail users clear instructions on how you would like them to pass. If possible, stay on the uphill side of the trail when passing bicycles or hikers. Do not assert the right-of-way at the expense of safety.
- 4 ALLOW PLENTY OF ROOM between horses or when passing horses, especially in rough terrain. A horse that kicks, even occasionally, should have a red ribbon tied to its tail. It is recommended that riders do not allow strange horses to sniff noses. This can lead to a bite, a shy, a striking forefoot, or an exchange of pathogens.
- 5 PLEASE REPORT. Report trail maintenance issues to the PRNS rangers at 415 464 5170.
- 6 WARN RIDERS BEHIND YOU. If riding with a group, do not attempt to hold branches for the rider behind you or "tip-prune". Warn riders behind you about obstacles like nettles, poison oak, low limbs, or ditches. Follow the instructions of your trail lead.
- 7 NO STRANGERS. For personal safety, we strongly recommend that riders not allow strangers to approach your horse's head. Keep a distance. When in doubt, turn the rump of your horse to them.
- 8 KEEP AWAY FROM LIVESTOCK. If riding through pastures where cattle are present, give them a wide berth, especially when there are calves on the ground. Respect private property.
- 9 KEEP HORSES HOBbled OR TIED. When stopping for lunch, we recommend that horses be hobbled, tied to hitching rails, or otherwise secured. Do not allow horses within 50 feet of picnic tables. Scatter all manure before getting back on the trail.
- 10 KEEP IT CLEAN. For environmental reasons, do not rake manure or bedding out of trailers at staging areas or at trailheads. All such items and personal trash should be bagged and taken home.
- 11 BEACH HORSES. If your horse has not been ridden on the beach before, exercise great caution when you introducing her to the ocean. If she is reluctant to enter the surf, do not force the issue. A good ride can be had on the hard-packed sand of the swash. Running a horse at speed through soft deep sand can result in lameness.