

TRAILS SAFE PASSING PLAN: STOP, SPEAK, and STAND BACK

All other trail users yield to horses

How to Safely Approach Horses on Trails

STOP: Horses are prey animals with natural "flight" survival instincts and prefer to move their feet towards an exit route. Therefore, it's best when PEOPLE WITH HORSES PASS AT A WALK while the OTHER TRAIL USERS REMAIN STOPPED UNTIL PASSED.

SPEAK: Please announce your presence if approaching head on or from behind. Please say "Hi" when we pass by. This helps a horse identify you as a person and will help keep a horse calm.

STAND BACK: Please STAND BACK with your whole group on the same side of the trail. Please contain children and dogs. Please do not hide, or stand behind a tree, as this may cause horses to fear you are a predator planning an attack.

SMILE: Enjoy the trails!

