

## GVRR Riding Policies

- Riders must be of sound mind and body. You should be able to get on and off your horse by yourself, without assistance. We do not allow riding under the influence. We reserve the right to deny riding to any individual.
- We have an age requirement of seven years and up for trail rides. Children younger than seven may have a lead around on a horse lead by a ranch staff member, when horse and staff is available. Young children must be able to sit on a horse by themselves and follow all instructions given to them by the wrangler.
- Riders must watch a riding orientation video and sign all waivers before they are eligible to ride.
- Riders must wear jeans and boots while riding. No shorts, tennis shoes or hiking boots. No spurs. Used boots in various sizes are available. Helmets are available to all riders.
- Our rides are approximately 2 to 3 hours in length. You must be able to ride for this length of time.
- Riders must complete a walk-only ride before they can go on a walk/trot ride. Riders must complete a walk/trot ride before they can go on a walk/trot/lope ride. Mondays are walk rides only, Tuesdays offer walk-only and walk/trot in the morning, and all three types of rides in the afternoon.
- Riders must follow all instruction given to them by our trained wranglers and management staff.
- We offer the opportunity to walk, trot, lope, and team pen/sort, depending on riding level and ability.
- We ride nose to tail. Our horses ride in the line because of the nature of our trails and for the safety of our riders. This does not mean that you are not in control of your mount. Riding is a verb.
- Due to the mountainous terrain that we ride and the stature of our horses, we have a **maximum horseback riding weight limit of 250 pounds**. Many of our trails are uneven, rocky, and climb significantly in elevation making it crucial that we adhere to our weight policy. If you are over 250 pounds, please understand that we may not have a horse or a saddle that can accommodate you. If, however, it is determined that there is a horse and saddle available for you, **you will be restricted to walking rides and flat/level terrain**. We appreciate your understanding.