

Hiker Guidelines

What to do if I meet a horse when I'm hiking?

- When you see a horse approaching, move as far to the right side of the trail as possible. Greet the rider in a friendly, relaxed tone: horses are reassured by the sound of your voice.
- If you are wearing earbuds or headphones, remove them when encountering a horse – otherwise, it will be difficult to effectively communicate, which will put everyone at risk.
- Be polite, respectful, and considerate when encountering horseback riders.
- Avoid loud noises or sudden movements, which may be startling to horses.
- When approaching a horse from behind, call out. Wait for the rider to acknowledge you. Pass on the left, giving the horse as much room as possible.
- If a rider requests that you stop, please do. The rider knows his or her horse, and how to best handle a situation safely.
- If you are enjoying the trail with your dog, please ensure that your pet is leashed.