



## Aspen Lodge Trail Riding Tours

### Trail Riding Etiquette, Rules & Rates

*In order to have the maximum amount of fun on your tour, there are a few simple things to go over:*

- **A horse/mule has a brain the size of a walnut and reacts instinctively and with self-preservation.** This means they may do unpredictable things. It is your responsibility to be *aware and in-the-moment* when riding in order to hinder any unwanted behavior from your mount.
- **All riders must have long pants, protective footwear and helmets are highly recommended and required for children 12 and under.** Cowboy boots are the most common riding footwear due to the heel and smooth sole designed to safely fit in and exit, a stirrup. Tennis shoes are not recommended but acceptable. No open-toed shoes or sandals.
- **There is no smoking or alcoholic beverages during a trail ride.**
- **There is no littering on the trails.** If something is dropped, please notify your Guide and he/she will retrieve it for you. A small bag will be attached to your mount's saddle that you may use for essentials. It is advised to bring a bottle of water.
- **The Aspen Lodge has the right to refuse service** to anyone for any reason but especially for those who may appear intoxicated or impaired. Rides may be shortened if the Guide believes there is an issue.
- **Due to the nature of the livestock carrying a person, there are weight restrictions that we follow.** This is not discriminative, but is determined by the size of our animals and gear.
- **You will be assigned a horse/mule based on your honest experience and your size.** All our livestock have different abilities and experience and we will pair you depending on those needs as well as small horses/small riders and larger horses/larger riders. This decision is left solely to the Aspen Lodge staff.
- **Communication is everything.** If any issue arises, please let your Guide know. He/she would be happy to help, but cannot if you don't speak up.
- **Typically we will maintain a slow pace with the horses in a line.** This is for safety reasons. You may be an advanced rider, but not everyone in the group is, so the group must ride to the abilities of the least experienced.
- **Do not pass the Lead Wrangler or Guide and do not pass each other.** Not all horses are experienced in the lead and not all horses get along. We put the Guide and lead horse up front for a reason and we also put the horses in a line based on their social network. This is a strict safety procedure.
- **It is important to maintain a "horse-length" distance between each horse in the line.** Do not crowd the horse in front of you and do not lag too far behind.
- **Bees are always a concern and cannot be controlled.** In the event that bees are encountered on the trail, it is often best to increase the speed of the trail ride a few hundred yards to get out of the area affected. If a Guide shouts "BEES" during the ride, the horses/mules may move at a faster speed. Hold on, it could get bumpy.
- **If you have had a wonderful time,** feel free to tip your Guide. The job is enjoyable but doesn't pay much!

### **Horseback Tours & Rates for 2022:**

One Hour (Aspen Lodge Loop) \$60/per person  
1.5 Hour (Blue Ribbon Trail) \$80/per person  
Two Hours (Big Stob Loop) \$120/per person  
Three Hours (Williams Valley) \$180/per person  
Picnic Ride (3 hour ride + catered lunch) \$200/person

**We can schedule rides any day except Tuesday, which is the Horse Union Day of Rest.**

#### *The Fine Print:*

*Please arrive 30 minutes prior to your scheduled tour. Upon arrival, you will be asked to sign a Waiver of Liability and will have a brief introduction to our Guides and our procedures. The most riders in one group at a time is 6. Groups of 1-3 riders will be assigned one Guide. Groups of 4-6 will have a lead Guide and a Guide in the back.*

*Children under the age of 8 cannot ride on our tours due to insurance. Children 8-12 are required to wear a helmet. Reservations are highly encouraged as spaces may be filled early. Payment will be taken in full but riding can be rescheduled for any reason up to 24 hours before the tour. A 24-hour cancellation or reschedule is required. We cannot guarantee that you will be refunded if you don't call or show up within 24 hours.*

*The Aspen Lodge may need to reschedule rides due to weather or the welfare of our animals. If you cannot reschedule, you will be issued a full refund and our most sincere apologies. We are at the mercy of Mother Nature.*

*Advanced rides can include other trails and trailheads in the area and can be arranged. Rates will be the same based on length of ride. Please call us to discuss.*