

Horseback Riding For Groups of Five Or More Horses

Special Use Permit (SUP) Special Conditions

1. Each request must be submitted a minimum of 30 calendar days in advance of the first scheduled activity by completing an SUP application. Each request will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
2. The permittee must read and understand all 'Special Conditions' listed here.
3. Horseback riding is permitted on the L-40 and L-39 sections of the perimeter levees, terminating south of the S-6 and S-362 structures. Currently, 36 miles of perimeter levees are open to horseback riding.
4. Horses are required to wear manure containment bags and riders are responsible for removal of all horse manure from the Refuge.
5. Areas of the Refuge may be restricted seasonally to avoid disturbance of breeding or nesting wildlife or to protect sensitive habitat.
6. Trash must be packed out and properly disposed of off-site.
7. Clearing of vegetation is prohibited.
8. Each visitor may only ride/walk one horse on the Refuge at a time and all horses must have a rider.
9. Horseback riders will share multi-purpose trails with hikers, bicyclists, vehicles, and pets on a leash.
10. Horseback riders must yield to vehicular traffic.
11. All Refuge regulations will be adhered to by the permittee and other horseback riding participants in the group that this SUP is issued to. Any violation of regulations witnessed by the permittee must be promptly reported to the Refuge Manager. All other Refuge rules and regulations apply.
12. In case of emergencies or to report suspicious activity, please call 1-800-307-5789. In the event that 911 is called, please call the 800 number as well in order to provide best possible response times.
13. This SUP authorizes entry into the Refuge during normal Refuge operating hours and entry into public use areas only.
14. The permitted party must stay together and keep a copy of this permit with him/her while on the Refuge and engaging in activities authorized by this permit. A copy of the fully signed SUP shall be made available to law enforcement personnel upon request.
15. The permittee agrees to forever hold harmless the United States, its officers, agents, employees, contractors and/or assigns from any and all damages to property or injuries to persons which arises or may be incidental to the activities associated with an SUP.
16. The Refuge Manager reserves the right to modify the terms and conditions of the Special Use Permit at their sole discretion to ensure the safety and compatibility of all activities.