



Riding in the Open


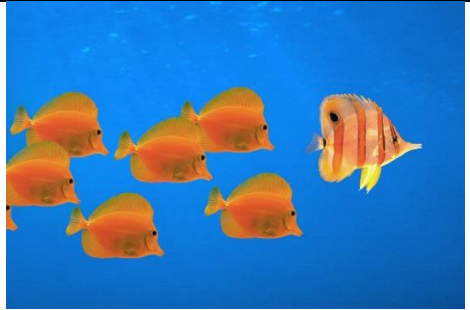

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Before you go


	What	Why	Silly Graphic
1.	Make sure your mount will stop on command	You will get hurt	
2.	Find an experienced rider with quiet horse	"When in Rome, do as the Romans do..." This sets a good example for your horse. Horses are copy-cats.	
3.	Try to be calm if you get nervous	Your stress will make your horse stress. You are the master, ride like one.	

At All Times While Mounted

	What	Why	Silly Graphic
1.	Keep your distance How many horse lengths between you and the other horse? ONE	Crowding is rude and may upset other horses	
2.	Don't hang back too far. Stay with the group . Don't leave another rider behind by himself!!!	Your mount may decide to catch up and go too fast	
3.	Ask before passing	Passing may spook other horses, ask the other rider first	
4.	Tell the dangers Point out problems to others - hole, broken glass, wire, etc	Because it's the right thing to do.	
5.	Hand signal to stop . Raise your hand over head to tell others to stop.	To prevent crowding and have other horses running into each other.	

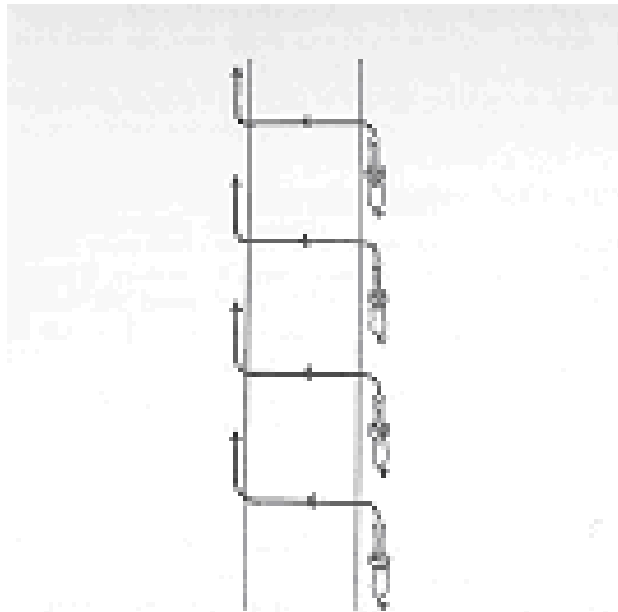
Riding on Public Roads

	What	Why	Silly Graphic
1.	Avoid busy streets	Some horses are frightened by traffic. Not all drivers are safe drivers.	
2.	Stay well off the pavement	Better footing on the shoulder	
3.	Keep to the walk	Going faster is hard on your mounts legs and he might slip.	
4.	Single file	It is the safest way.	
5.	All stay on the same side	So passing traffic can get to the other side of the road.	

	What	Why	Silly Graphic
6.	Pass a warning when you see a <u>car/vehicle</u>	So all riders are prepared	
7.	Everyone crosses at the <u>same</u> time!	Because it is the safest and fastest way to cross	See Below

Crossing a public road:

1. Line up single file
2. 1st and last riders are the crossing guards
3. 1st and last riders check for traffic in both directions.
4. They give signal when it is safe for cross.
5. **ALL RIDERS cross at the same time in single file.**
6. See example below.



Procedure for crossing a road with a mounted group

USPC Rating Requirements:

D1 – • Know basic rules of safe riding in a group, in an enclosed area.

D2 - • Know the basic rules for riding on public roads in your state.

D3 - Name FIVE important rules when riding across privately-owned land. **AND** Write thank-you notes to two landowners who support your club and tell them why you appreciate being able to use their land. If you ride on public land, write a thank-you note to the manager or contact person. **AND** Know rules for riding safely on public roads in your state. **AND** • Know procedure for mounted group crossing a public roadway.

C1 - Name three different uses of land on which you, or others, ride. Examples: Farmland, fair grounds, crops, etc. **AND** If your region conducts an Eventing Rally, determine who owns the land where the rally is held and the total amount of acres owned. **AND** Identify one place in your area previously used for equestrian activities that is no longer available. **AND** • Discuss safety precautions for riding on a trail including additional precautions during hunting season.

C2 - • Name the zoning requirements for the county in which you keep your horse. Example: A minimum of 10 acres is required to keep one horse. **AND** • Know what public land is available for riding in your county.

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