



Riding on Private Land













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Riding on private land is only possible because the landowners allow it. Good riders are careful of other's property, and courteous to the owners. It is a privilege to ride on someone else's land. Just one rude or careless rider can cause trouble for everyone. Remember these rules:

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Always: Ask Permission	You are breaking the law if you go on someone's property without permission	
Stay off: lawns, gardens, picnic areas, places where the owners would not want hoof prints or manure.	Treat others the way you want to be treated.	
Pick up or spread your horse's Manure If it happens near the house or area where the owners live/play ask to borrow a shovel and pick it up.	You want to come back, don't you?	
Stay on the edge of crops	Damaging crops and landscaping is against the law. You have permission to be ON the land, not to DAMAGE it.	
Leave gates the way you found them. If it was latched, make sure you latch it! If you	Leaving a gate open could cause harm to the owners animals or property	

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are not sure if the gate should be closed - close it and tell the owner.		
Leave livestock <u>alone</u>	Again, you want to come back, right?	
Don't jump any <u>jumps</u> without special permission	Only ride where the owner has given permission.	
Don't <u>litter</u>	Duh!	
Don't hurt the <u>environment</u> ; don't break branches, go in sensitive areas, tear up soil, etc.	<p>Because it is the right thing to do.</p> <p>It is a beautiful world, let's keep it that way.</p>	
<p>Be <u>friendly</u> and <u>courteous</u> when you meet others</p> <p>(It could be a friend or guest of the landowner)</p>	<p>Again, it is the right thing to do.</p> <p>You're representing all horse riders, don't give anyone a reason to think badly of us.</p>	
<p>Say: <u>Thank You</u></p> <p>This is VERY IMPORTANT</p>	<p>Do you want to come back???</p> <p>Better yet, send a thank you card.</p> <p>It is old fashioned, but trust me, the landowners will remember you for this small gesture.</p>	