

EMPIRE RANCH FOUNDATION



2026 Trail Ride Rules & Etiquette

Thank you for registering for the **Empire Ranch Spring Trail Ride on Saturday, March 28, 2026**. We're looking forward to a great day of riding the Empire Ranch! Please read the following important information:

In order to participate, each rider must have on file **(by Friday, March 27, 2026)** a signed **Release of Liability Agreement** form. Complete the form attached to the emailed confirmation and return it to admin@empireranchfoundation.org or mail the completed form to Empire Ranch Foundation, P.O. Box 842, Sonoita, AZ 85637.

If you're renting a horse, please be at the Ranch **at least one hour** prior to the ride departure. If you're bringing your own horse, please be at the Empire Ranch, ready to ride, **one half hour** prior to departure. We're riding as they did long ago – rain or shine! Please dress accordingly (please see #10 for more information). Water will be provided for all riders throughout the ride.

Questions? Please call: 888-364-2829 or email: admin@empireranchfoundation.org

Ride Etiquette

1. The Trail Boss has the ultimate authority on any Empire Ranch Foundation ride. *This is for the safety of all riders.*
2. **Liability waiver forms must be signed in advance of the ride.**
3. Any rental horses must be booked through Empire Ranch Foundation. Outside rental horses are not permitted on the trail ride.
4. For individuals bringing their own horses, stallions are not allowed, stay with the group.
5. Riders must be at least eight years old; 8-12 years old must wear helmets. A parent or guardian must accompany riders under 18 years of age at all times.
6. Helmets are recommended for all. For those renting horses from the Empire Ranch Foundation, please note on your registration form if you would like a helmet.
7. Horses must be kept at a walk.
8. Be courteous to others around you. Control your horse. Unruly horses will affect the behavior of other horses and riders.
9. Horses that kick must have a red ribbon attached to their tails.
10. Recommended attire: long sleeve shirt, pants, brimmed hat and closed-toed shoes. **All hats must have a stampede strap to keep hats from falling off.**
11. Saddles are required; no bareback riders or bareback pads permitted; no double riding.
12. ERF will not provide, nor encourage, consumption of alcohol during any of the rides.
13. In the event a rider needs/wants to dismount for whatever reason or leave the group for any reason, they must inform the Trail Boss. (Good trail etiquette also demands that the group stop when a rider needs to.)
14. No dogs on the trail ride; dogs in camp must be on a leash and kept away from food-service areas.
15. Above all, enjoy your ride at the Empire Ranch!