

TRAIL CARD

DESCRIPTIONS

LEVEL 1

Level 1 Trail card will allow you to go on the trail either by yourself, if you are 14 years or older, or with another trail cardholder. You must ride with a companion at all times.

LEVEL 1 TEST

1. Be able to inspect your horse's bridle to be sure it is properly fitted.
2. Be able to tighten your horse's cinch, in case your saddle should happen to become loose.
3. Mount and dismount your horse un-assisted.
4. Execute the following commands: Go, Stop, Left turn, Right turn, one "figure 8" using the neck rein and one "figure 8" using the plow rein.
4. Trot your horse about 100 ft. This is to be sure that you remain in control of your horse if he breaks into a trot.
6. Explain what is meant by the term "Mirror Effect". The horse will reflect your own emotions by his reaction. (If you are afraid, he will be afraid. If you are confident, so is the horse).
7. Explain the hazards of running your horse:
 - a. Fatigue the horse for the next rider.
 - b. Possibility of losing control. This could endanger yourself and the horse and other riders and horses.
 - c. Increased chance of falling off.
 - d. Could cause an unconditioned horse to become ill – especially if he comes in wet and hot.
8. Explain how to stop a run-a-way horse:
 - a. Pull back on the reins.
 - b. Jerk on reins then pull.
9. Must make the horse go through a gate onto the trail.

LEVEL 2

Level II Trail Card will allow you to take two non-trail card holders with you on string horses out on trails if you are 14 years or older.

LEVEL 2 TEST:

Must be able to do everything that is required for a Level 1, in addition to:

1. Must be 14 years or older to take the Level 2 Test.
2. Tie up the horse safely with either reins or lead rope.
3. Must be able to bridle a horse.
4. Must be able to saddle a horse.
5. When executing the command for left and right turn, they will be done at the trot and/or around set obstacles.
6. You will be taken out on the trail and given a situation involving both horses. You will then be asked the most appropriate way to handle the situation.