



Leave No Trace for Equestrians

1. Plan Ahead and Prepare

- Take only animals that are fit, calm and experienced.
- Equestrians are allowed to ride on all parts of the Tahoe Rim Trail except for a "hiker only" trail at the Mt. Rose Trailhead.
- Equestrians will need a permit to travel through Desolation Wilderness.

2. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces

- Concentrate use in popular areas
- Stay on designated trails
- Use established campsites
- Use grazing restraint in ecologically fragile areas
- Know herd dynamics
- Protect water resources
- Carry supplemental weed-free feed

3. Dispose of Waste Properly

- Do not leave livestock waste within 200 feet of water sources.
- Do not allow your mounts to deposit large amounts of waste in one spot on the trail.
- Maintain a steady space for a natural scatter speeding up decomposition and causing less bother to other users.

4. Leave What You Find

- Be sure to leave rocks, plants, archaeological artifacts and other objects of interest as you find them.

5. Minimize Campfire Impacts

- Campfires are generally prohibited everywhere on the TRT besides the Meiss Management Area and Mt. Rose Wilderness Area only when fire restrictions are NOT in place.
- Plan to obtain a fire permit and use a camp stove.

6. Respect Wildlife

- Stick to the trail
- Never feed animals
- Avoid "sensitive times" for wildlife; for example, avoid large animals at dusk and dawn or during the winter months.

7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors

- The TRT is a multi-use trail, and is open to hikers, equestrians and mountain bikers. Some trail users may be unfamiliar with horses.
- General rule when encountering another equestrian coming from the other direction, the outfit with the most horses has the right of way.