

**Trail Ride Checklist**  
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# Packing for a trail ride?

DO YOU HAVE  
EVERYTHING YOU NEED?

You want your trail rides to be safe and enjoyable for everyone involved. But often, in the excitement of the day, we forget the most basic items as we rush around, struggling to get on the road as soon as possible. Print out our simple checklist and make sure you have everything you need to make your trail ride a success.



**Check your horse** to see if he is travel ready. Do you have all the supplies you need for his health and safety?

- Water, hay, buckets
- Hoof pick
- Currying equipment
- Food
- Treats
- Equine first aid kit
- Fly spray
- Emergency boot
- Shipping boots or leg wraps
- Copy of health papers if required

**Check your tack** over thoroughly. Is everything usable? Do you need to replace pieces for safety? Is everything packed in the trailer?

- Halter and lead
- Bridle
- Saddle
- Saddle Pad
- Cinch or girth
- Saddlebag
- Extra halter and lead
- Extra reins and cinch or girth
- Portable Paddock

**Check your trailer** to ensure that it is road-ready. This is a very important step and should NEVER be skipped. The safety of you and your horse, as well as other motorists rests on this.

- How are the tires? Is the pressure adequate? Is the tread wear okay?

- How is the inside? Are all the floorboards in place? Any rotting or cracking? Are fresh shavings put down? Are rubber mats installed to prevent slipping?
- Are the gates intact?
- Do all the latches work?
- Is the hitch in good shape?
- Check brake lights/turn signals.
- Check trailer tie or lead rope to secure horse.
- Check windows and/or air vents.

**Check your personal items** for your comfort and safety.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Helmet  | <input type="checkbox"/> Raingear (because you never know)                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen   | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Repellent   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy bars   | <input type="checkbox"/> Water, water, and more water                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cell phone  | <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trail pass, if needed   | <input type="checkbox"/> Canteen or water bottle                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves  | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra rope, string, or shoestrings  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket knife   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compass or GPS  | <input type="checkbox"/> Kerchief   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra clothes in case you fall into something wet or muddy  | <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle to alert passersby in case you get into trouble      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Duct tape - don't laugh - this stuff can solve a myriad of problems from patching up rain gear to acting as an emergency boot | <input type="checkbox"/> Reflective wear for night riding for both you and your horse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proper riding boots (never wear tennis shoes)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Camera   |