

Franklin Township Equestrian Policy

Franklin Township's Parks and Recreation Ordinance states: "No horse shall be driven or ridden in the parks, except at such locations designated for this purpose by the Department."

This equestrian policy, adopted specifically designates an equestrian trail in the Griggstown Native Grassland Preserve--part of the Ten Mile Run Greenway. The Rules for using this Equestrian Trail area are as follows:

1. Any person wanting to ride a horse on the Ten Mile Run Greenway equestrian trail must first obtain an equestrian use permit from the Director of the Recreation Department. Applications may be picked up between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Franklin Township Recreation Office, located in the Senior Community Center at the Municipal Complex.
2. The attached application must be filled out by the applicant.
3. All applications, in order to be considered valid, must submit, along with the application, proof of a minimum of \$1 million personal liability insurance and also must sign the attached Indemnification and Hold Harmless Provision.
4. To obtain the permit, the applicant must sign the application indicating that they have received a copy of this Equestrian Use Policy and that they agree to abide by this Policy at all times.
5. No person shall cause or permit any horse in his/her custody or under his/her control to go or be at large.
6. No person shall ride or drive a horse unless it is well-broken and constantly held in such control that it may be easily or quickly turned and stopped.
7. No horse shall be unbridled or left unattended in any unenclosed area without being securely fastened.
8. No horse shall be driven or ridden in the parks, except on the equestrian trail that is designated for this purpose by the Department. This trail is clearly delineated on the attached map.
9. Horses are prohibited in the fields, agricultural areas or pastureland.
10. Equestrians are to defer to pedestrians when passing.
11. To protect cultural resources, jumping of stone wall and fences or riding faster than a canter is prohibited.
12. Riders will be held responsible for damages to Township resources.
13. Areas where horses are tethered for any length of time must be clear of debris.
14. Trails should not be utilized whenever the trails can be damaged due to weather conditions.
15. All accidents must be reported to the Township recreation Department as soon as possible.
16. Once issued a permit, the rider must have the permit on their person at all times when on township property and they are required to show the permit to any person who asks to see the permit.
17. Horse trailers are to be parked in the parking lot shown on the attached map.
18. During days when the Township property is posted as being open for hunting, equestrians must wear blaze orange and have a bell hanging from their horse.

For more information, call the Township's Recreation Department at (732) 873-1991.