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- ✓ Respect the trails—Clean up litter (pack out what is packed in); protect the trail environment, e.g. do not remove things that belong on the trails, or blaze new trails.
- ✓ On crowded trails, proceed single file.
- ✓ Slower traffic should keep to the right of the trail; faster users pass on the left.
- ✓ Announce your intention to pass other trail users, and reduce speed in order to pass safely. Pass on the left only.
- ✓ Do not pass on narrow bends—pass only when you can clearly see the trail and traffic approaching from the opposite direction.
- ✓ Obey posted speed/gait limits, and use common sense in crowded areas (cantering/galloping on crowded trails endangers everyone).
- ✓ Remove your horse from the trail if you begin experiencing behavior problems.
- ✓ Stay on equestrian approved trails.
- ✓ As a courtesy to others in your group, use appropriate hand signals for turning, slowing, etc., and give verbal warnings for dangers on the trail (e.g. holes, low branches).
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Maryland Horse Facts

- ✓ The Maryland Horse Industry has an economic impact of \$1.6 billion, making it one of the largest industries in the state¹ and employs over 20,000 people.²
- ✓ The value of all equine related assets in Maryland (e.g. land, fencing, equipment, equines, etc.) is over \$5.2 billion.³
- ✓ Maryland has over 87,000 equines, valued at over \$680 million.³
- ✓ Horse businesses enhance MD real estate values by as much as \$100 million.⁴
- ✓ There are over 38,500 households involved with horses in Maryland.⁵
- ✓ The number one use of horses in Maryland is trail riding.
- ✓ Maryland has 2.7 Thoroughbreds per square mile, more Thoroughbreds per square mile than any other state.

¹(University of MD College of Agriculture & Natural Resources); ²(Governor's Special Commission on Professional Sports and the Economy); ³(2002 Maryland Equine Census); ⁴(MD Department of Natural Resources); ⁵(U.S. Equine Marketing Association, 1989).

Fun Horse Facts



- ✓ A horse's ears move independently of one another, allowing it to hear sounds all around it.
- ✓ A horse can use his eyes independently as well, and the ears often indicate where the eyes are looking.
- ✓ Horses cannot “see” what they are eating, and use their whiskers to help them.
- ✓ Horses introduce themselves to other horses by blowing into their nostrils.
- ✓ Ponies are not young or baby horses, but are members of the equine family that are 58 inches or shorter at the withers (the measuring point for horses, where the neck joins the shoulder). Ponies may have a slightly different conformation (build) than horses, but they are both members of the species *Equus caballus*.
- ✓ The gestation period of a horse is approximately 335–350 days.
- ✓ The earliest ancestors of the horse originated in North America over 60 million years ago. Called Eohippus (the Dawn Horse), it was a 4-toed creature about the size of a fox. 10,000 years ago, the “horse” became extinct on the North American Continent, and would not be re-introduced until the Spanish came to conquer North America.
- ✓ The first definitive records of horseback riding date back to 1600 BC.
- ✓ The Greeks rode their war horses bareback, to their distinct disadvantage in battle. The Nubians of the Nile Valley were the first to use a saddle, but it was the Huns of Mongolia who first devised stirrups around the 4th century AD.
- ✓ It is believed that the Celts of Gaul were the first to nail on horseshoes, probably before they were invaded by the Romans.
- ✓ Riding was considered a classical art form (like music and painting) during the Renaissance period (1500–1600).