



VANCOUVER'S UEL TRAILRIDERS *present:*

A Short Guide to Trail Riding

Safety:

- Carry a whistle and cell phone, ID, emergency numbers, money.
- Attach visible ID to horse's bridle or saddle—include emergency #s and barn address.
- Carry an emergency kit; strong string, hoof pick, multi-tool, vet wrap and saline.
- Attach a rope and halter to saddle or over bridle.
- Consider that many horses need a stronger bit for the excitement of the trails.
- Ride in pairs or groups when possible.
- Always let someone know you're going on the trails.

Etiquette:

- Greet people and dogs when you approach them.
- Walk when you pass people, cyclists and dogs. This gives everyone more reaction time and you can explain how best to act around horses.
- Before cantering, make sure "coast is clear"—consider trail conditions and line of sight.
- Always be in control i.e. able to stop immediately!

Especially about Dogs:

- Vocally alert dog walkers of your presence.
- Wait until dogs are leashed before proceeding.
- If a dog follows or chases you, turn your horse toward the dog and wait for the owner to regain control.
- Talking to the dog in a friendly but firm voice will keep your horse calmer.

Emergency Contacts:

- Trees Down in Pacific Spirit Park: call 604.224.5739 *with exact location*
- Trail up to South-West Marine Drive: 604.257.8460 or 604.257.8689
- Safety Concerns: 604.263.3261 RCMP Musqueam Detachment

**Remember to be courteous, friendly and calm.
We all share the trails!**