

# HORSE ETIQUETTE



The NJ Trail Ride Association is conducting a 3-day equestrian event in the Pine Barrens the same weekend as Pinelands Gravel. On Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, our routes have some overlap with theirs. We have worked closely with them so that both events can safely co-exist.

The main area of overlap is a 1-mile section on the Short, Medium, Long & X-Long Courses; the X-Short Course does not overlap them. Starting at these Mile Markers

Equestrian Event Overlap Mile Marker				
Location	Short Course	Medium Course	Long Course	X-Long Course
Mt. Misery Pasadena Rd. @ Glassworks Rd.	26.7	35.4	49.4	56.3

the course overlaps and continues until the turn onto Pasadena Rd from City Line Rd. In this section, there may be 2-way Horse/Equestrian traffic, as they head out and back into their venue. Horses are flight animals, but if they see or hear you, most are generally comfortable around cyclists, if they know you are there. It is extremely important that you help with this.

All cyclists are required to announce themselves well in advance so that the horses are not startled by you, and that the equestrians are aware of your presence.

You must slow down, yield to them, and follow the instructions of the equestrians. They will allow you to pass when it is safe. This is particularly important when traveling in the same direction as them. When you are traveling in opposite directions, they should see you, but please waive and follow their instructions.

Please ride as far to the right as safely possible, and only move left when instructed to pass the equestrians. When passing give the horses the widest berth safely possible.

The equestrian event will have spotters/marshals to assist at the beginning and end of this section, and you are required to obey their instructions. They will place some "Caution Horses" signs out in this 2-way section.

On the X-Long Course the overlap starts at Mile 53.0, when you make the left turn from Pasadena Woodmansie Rd onto Mt Misery Pasadena Rd, but you will be heading in opposite directions, so they should see you, but slow down, announce yourself and yield to them, unless instructed to continue on. The 2-way overlap begins as cited above, where you turn onto Glassworks Rd.