

Field Masters Trail Ride Checklist

1. A PAH member will need to check in riders, collect and check negative Coggins, signed waivers and accept cash or checks. A sign-in sheet should be available for those that want to be added to PAH's distribution list (name, e-mail, phone, mailing address and riding experience).
2. One PAH member will act as field master and lead the faster field and another will lead the slower field. Both field masters should ride the course the day prior to become familiar with it and to uncover any potential issues.
3. If possible, another PAH member should be at the back of each field to ride "clean up" (close gates, replace fallen jump standards, lead over-faced riders or injured riders back to trailers).
4. When everyone is mounted and assembled, the field masters should introduce themselves and the land owner(s). They should ask if there are any green horses or horses that kick. If so, they should instruct those riders to ride in the rear, last in the field. The field masters should instruct riders to pass messages back from themselves to the rear (ware hole left, trotting, creek crossing, cantering, etc.). If any rider needs to leave the field at any time, they need to consult with them for guidance in returning to the trailers.
5. Field masters should have a plan for emergencies to include a first aid kit and know if any medical professionals are riding. Each field master must carry a cell phone and have the number of at least one veterinarian.
6. Field masters should make provisions for a six-foot table, preferably with a tablecloth, trash bag, napkins, plates, cutlery and cups.
7. To the best of their ability, field masters should ensure everyone has FUN!