



RANCH DU PARADIS

RISK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE

Horseback trail ride and supervised farm animal visit
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A. PARTICIPANT IDENTIFICATION

Full name

Age

Phone

Parent/guardian (if minor)

Parent/guardian phone

Emergency contact - name & relationship

Emergency phone

A separate form is completed for each participant. Information requested is limited to what is useful for administration and safety.

B. ACTIVITY DETAILS

Activity date

Departure time

Lead guide

Group no.

Ride option

☐ 1 hr ☐ 2 hr ☐ 3 hr ☐ Moonlight 3 hr

Child supervision guide (if applicable)

Declared riding level

☐ Beginner ☐ Some experience ☐ Experienced

Assigned horse

Replacement horse

Ages 6–9 supervision (if applicable)

☐ Suitable horse ☐ Lead line

Arrival

15–20 min before departure

Allow time for the form and preparation

C. PRE-RIDE CHECKS

- ☐ I am at least 6 years old and the information above is accurate.
- ☐ I understand that a helmet is mandatory for anyone under 18 and for every beginner rider, regardless of age.
- ☐ I am wearing closed-toe footwear suitable for riding and appropriate clothing; long pants are strongly recommended.
- ☐ I have disclosed any relevant condition or limitation that could affect safety or the horse's well-being, without providing more information than necessary.
- ☐ I confirm that I am not under the influence of alcohol, cannabis, drugs or medication that could impair my ability to participate safely.
- ☐ I understand that the guide determines the gait at all times and I will not trot or gallop my horse without authorization.

D. FARM ANIMALS INCLUDED WITH THE RIDE

The farm animal visit is included with your trail ride and is reserved for participants in the riding activity. You can meet the ranch animals in a supervised setting. For their well-being and your safety, animals may be approached or touched only when a team member is present and gives permission. Guests must not feed the animals or enter an enclosure without permission. Children must remain under the supervision of the adult accompanying them.

IMPORTANT - Read the back page completely before signing.

Participant initials: _____

Participant: _____

Date: _____

Horse: _____

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1. Nature of the activity and horse behaviour

Horseback riding, handling horses and being around equines involve inherent risks. A horse is a powerful and unpredictable animal that may move suddenly, spook, kick, bite, step on a foot, rear, bolt or collide. These situations can result in serious injury, permanent disability or, in rare cases, death.

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2. Trail, environment and equipment risks

Risks may arise from falls; uneven terrain, rocks, holes, mud, slopes, water, ice or slippery surfaces; branches, fences, vehicles, animals or other obstacles; weather and visibility; and movement, breakage or improper fit of equipment despite checks. Emergency services may be more difficult or slower to reach on the trail. This list is not exhaustive.

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3. Children ages 6 to 9

For a participant ages 6 to 9, a suitably sized horse is assigned and an additional guide provides close supervision by keeping the child's horse on a lead line throughout the ride. If more than one child ages 6 to 9 is on the same departure, participation is confirmed only when the required supervision can be assigned to each child.

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4. Farm animals and other animals

Farm animals may react unpredictably. Risks can include bites, scratches, kicks, pinches, allergic reactions, falls or slips near enclosures. I will touch animals only with permission and while a team member is present, and I will never feed them.

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5. Following instructions and ranch authority

I will follow safety instructions, the guide's directions and rules concerning horses, animals, trails and equipment. Ranch du Paradis may refuse, modify, interrupt or end my participation whenever a circumstance presents a risk to a person or animal.

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6. Gaits, helmet and protective equipment

Walking is the primary gait. Trotting and galloping are permitted only when authorized by the guide and are never guaranteed. A helmet is mandatory for anyone under 18 and every beginner rider. For experienced riders 18 or older, a helmet remains strongly recommended and the ranch may require one.

Initials

7. Fitness to participate and substances

I confirm that I am able to participate and have disclosed any relevant condition or limitation requiring accommodation or that could affect safety. I confirm that I am not participating under the influence of any substance that could impair judgement, balance, coordination or my ability to follow directions.

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8. Emergency services

If an incident or urgent situation occurs, I authorize Ranch du Paradis to contact emergency services and the emergency contact identified on the front. I understand that the ranch cannot guarantee response times for outside emergency services.

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OPTION: EXPERIENCED ADULT RIDER AGE 18 OR OLDER ONLY.

I choose to **NOT** wear a helmet despite the recommendation.

Initials

Scope of this document. This acknowledgement confirms that the risks have been explained and understood and records my consent to participate. It does not exclude any right or responsibility that cannot legally be excluded or limited.

I confirm that I have read the FRONT and BACK, understand the nature of the activity and its risks, had the opportunity to ask questions, and freely consent to participate while following Ranch du Paradis rules and directions.

E. PARTICIPANT IDENTIFICATION

Participant name (print)
_____Participant signature
_____Date and time

G. RANCH REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Name / initials
_____Signature

F. IF THE PARTICIPANT IS A MINOR

Parent/guardian name
_____Relationship to minor
_____Parent/guardian signature
_____Date
