



RIDING LEVEL DESCRIPTIONS

○ BEGINNER

- BEGINNER RIDERS HAVE NO, OR LITTLE EXPERIENCE, WITH HORSES IN GENERAL. THEY MAY HAVE BEEN ON A "TRAIL RIDE" AT A RENTAL STABLE ONCE OR TWICE, BUT THEY DO NOT KNOW GENERAL HORSE HANDLING OR THE BASIC COMMANDS TO MAKE THE HORSE MOVE FORWARD, TURN, TROT, STOP, OR BACK UNASSISTED.

○ ADVANCED BEGINNER

- ADVANCED BEGINNER RIDERS HAVE A LITTLE MORE EXPERIENCE WITH HORSES. THEY MAY HAVE GROWN UP AROUND HORSES, TAKEN SOME LESSONS, OR USED TO RIDE AS A CHILD. THEY KNOW HOW TO ASK THE HORSE TO MOVE FORWARD, TURN, STOP, AND BACK. THEY MAY ALSO BE ABLE TO TROT OR CANTER/LOPE ON AN APPROPRIATE HORSE.

○ INTERMEDIATE

- INTERMEDIATE RIDERS HAVE SOME BASIC EXPERIENCE WITH HORSES. THEY MAY HAVE TAKEN SOME LESSONS, OR PERHAPS OWNED A HORSE AS A CHILD, RECENTLY, OR CURRENTLY. AN INTERMEDIATE RIDER MAY OR MAY NOT BE ABLE TO RISE(OR POST) TO THE TROT, BUT THEY CAN TROT WITHOUT BOUNCING AND CAN STAY COMFORTABLE WITH A CANTER. THEY SHOULD KNOW HOW TO ASK AND OBTAIN A SLOW CONTROLLED WALK, TROT/JOG, AND CANTER/LOPE. THEY CAN CHANGE DIRECTION AND CIRCLE THEIR HORSE.

○ ADVANCED INTERMEDIATE

- ADVANCED INTERMEDIATE RIDERS HAVE TAKEN LESSONS OR TRAINED UNDER A MENTO FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD, RIDE IN A SPECIFIC DISCIPLINE (OR HAS EXPERIENCE IN SEVERAL DISCIPLINES), AND MAY COMPETE. THEY HAVE RIDDEN SEVERAL DIFFERENT TYPES OF HORSES. THEIR SEAT IS SECURE, AND THEY DO NOT APPLY UNINTENTIONAL AIDS TO THE HORSE WHEN THEY LOSE BALANCE OR BECOME UNSEATED. THEY KNOW HOW TO RISE OR POST TO THE TROT AND CAN CANTER/LOPE CONFIDENTLY.

○ ADVANCED

- ADVANCED RIDERS HAVE RIDDEN MOST OF THEIR LIVES AND HAVE WORKED WITH A TRAINER/MENTOR FOR SEVERAL YEARS OR HAD EXTENDED PERIODS WITH INTENSE RIDING INSTRUCTION. THEY ARE ABLE TO RIDE MOST HORSES. THEY KNOW ADVANCED MANEUVERS IN THEIR PREFERRED RIDING DISCIPLINE AND CAN POSITIVELY AFFECT THE HORSE THEY ARE RIDING AT ALL TIMES.



RIDING ABILITY NEEDED FOR EACH EXPERIENCE

SPRUCEDALE IS NOT A HORSEBACK RIDING TRAINING FACILITY. WHILE WE DO OFFER SOME INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING RIDES, ALL RIDING IS AT YOUR OWN RISK, AND GUESTS MUST BE PHYSICALLY PREPARED FOR THE ACTIVITY. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND TAKING HORSEBACK RIDING LESSONS PRIOR TO YOUR STAY TO ENSURE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE.

SPRING HORSE DRIVE: INTERMEDIATE — ADVANCED

FULL RANCH EXPERIENCE: ALL LEVELS

ADULT ONLY WEEK: ALL LEVELS

ADULT ONLY PLUS WEEK: INTERMEDIATE — ADVANCED

ROPING WEEK: INTERMEDIATE — ADVANCED

CATTLE GATHERING: ADVANCED BEGINNER — ADVANCED

WOMEN'S ONLY WEEK: ALL LEVELS

HORSEMANSHIP WEEK: ADVANCED BEGINNER — ADVANCED

HORSEMANSHIP PLUS WEEK: INTERMEDIATE — ADVANCED

FALL HORSE DRIVE: INTERMEDIATE — ADVANCED

CATTLE ROUNDUP: INTERMEDIATE — ADVANCED