

Wethersfield Foundation, Inc.

RULES FOR HORSEBACK RIDING AND CARRIAGE DRIVING ON WETHERSFIELD PROPERTY

- Notify the estate manager, Kevin Malloy, of your plans to ride or drive at Wethersfield prior to your arrival by calling (845) 464-6483. Please leave a voice message.
- A waiver release needs to be filled out and signed before riding on Wethersfield. **(ONE FOR THE YEAR)**
- Daily fee or season pass required.
- ASTM/SEI Certified riding helmets are **REQUIRED** for **ALL** riders and carriage drivers.
- Horses must be attended or securely tied to their trailer at all times.
- Wethersfield has a carry in/carry out policy. This includes normal garbage as well as manure in the parking and registration area.
- Stay on trails and/or edges of fields. Do not ride on lawns.
- Riding and driving **are not** permitted near the Main House, Gardens, Stables and Horse pastures (except for passing on Pugsley Hill Road), or Orchard unless following a marked trail during an organized event.
- Keep ill-mannered horses behind the other horses. Tie a red ribbon in the tail of a horse that kicks. Keep your distance.
- When leading and/or riding with anyone behind you:
 - Walk
 - Ask before trotting or cantering
 - Warn other of holes, bad footing and other dangers
 - Warn when you are stopping
 - Keep track of other riders behind you
 - Take turns leading, if possible – share the dust
- At watering areas, take turns and don't crowd. Wait for everyone to finish before moving off.
- Never run up on a rider or group of riders. Approach at a reasonable speed. Ask permission to pass and then wait until there is enough room to pass safely. Wait until you pass everyone before moving off. Move off at a reasonable speed until you are well away from another horse(s).
- If there are jumps, make sure your group knows that you intend to jump to allow those not jumping time to prepare or get out of the way. If your horse refuses, let others waiting to ride/jump through and then continue to work with your horse.
- Be aware of the condition of your horse at all times, especially in hot weather. If you feel it needs to rest, let others in the group know and ask them if they could stop until your horse is ready to go again.
- Don't spoil others fun by loud behavior.
- **NO DOGS PERMITTED** (walking or riding)

If you notice potential hazards on trails or have an emergency, please notify Estate Manager, Kevin Malloy (845) 464-6483 so that it can be addressed promptly. For your own safety, there is no trail use during the gun hunting season for deer.

See our website for opening and closing dates for the trail: www.wethersfieldgarden.org