

Friends of the Forest Wrangler Safety Checklist

Before Leaving Home

- Check Wrangler calendar
- Forest Service driver's license
- Saddlebag/cante with supplies
- Check batteries on phone, GPS, flashlight
- Extra water, clothes, cell phone (required if lead rider), lunch, coat, sunglasses
- Roster of Wrangler phone numbers
- Map, driving instructions
- extra maps & water for visitors
- Plastic bags for litter patrol

At Ranger Station:

- Keys for vehicle
- Key for tack room
- Key for gate in case return is after 4:30 p.m.
- Emergency Radio (not available yet)
- Verify radio is working
- Check in at desk
- Check gas level
- Remove chocks

Before leaving barn:

- Sign out on log sheet with names of riders, horses, destination, departure & return time
- Tack for each horse/mule
- Safety helmet
- Saw for trail maintenance (not available yet)
- Emergency Saddlebag
- Verify emergency saddlebag has first aid kit for horses and basic first aid kit for riders, roll-on fly repellent for horses, hoof pick.
- Tire pump and lug wrench
- Groom horses, check feet, check for injuries
- Lock up tack room.
- Check pasture and corral gates.

Safety check on trailer:

- Check there is a spare tire and it's inflated.
- Check for a jack and lug wrench.
- Check tires on truck and trailer for cracks, bulges, bent rims, lug nuts and inflation levels.
- Check signals, clearance & brake lights are working.
- Check safety chain crossed and securely fastened, hitch latched securely, pins in place, jack fully retracted.
- Check brakes, insuring that cable from breakaway switch is securely fastened to hitch frame and the switch is operational.
- Check battery on breakaway system if possible.
- Check for loose tack, open doors, etc. Lock tack door. Remove chocks from trailer.
- When loaded adjust the brake controller in the truck so that you can feel the brakes working when at slow speed before entering the highway.
- Load Bugs first, Jackpot second & Brownie third.

At Trailhead:

- Remove all equipment from truck bed and lock in tack area. Lock truck.
- Set chocks.

After Ride:

- Check horse for injuries, limping, hot spots, etc.
- Clean feet and brush
- Check tack is stored properly
- Return emergency saddlebag, helmets, lug wrench & tire pump to barn
- Report any problems/info on clipboard at barn
- Sign out on clipboard
- Tack room locked
- Gates and corrals closed
- Check with Royal if questions about feeding, etc.
- Designate trail reporter and e-mailer

Ranger Station After:

- Log out on truck use
- Replace chocks
- Return keys (and radios when available)
- Sign out at desk
- Report any problems with trailer or horses to FS
- Lock gate if after 4:30

Each Rider Must Have in Personal Saddlebag:

- Flashlight or Headlamp
- Three methods of starting a fire.
- Poncho or Rain slicker.
- Jacket
- Compass
- Map
- Whistle
- Emergency Blanket
- Small personnel first aid kit
- Some Power Bars or a small amount of food
- A pen or pencil and small note pad
- Duct Tape
- About 6 ft of cord or a couple of hay ties
- Locking blade or fix blade knife
- 7" linesman's pliers/wire-cutters
- Cell Phone (required if lead rider)
- Bandana
- Trash bag
- Tweezers
- Stocking cap
- Spare socks
- Personal medications

Lead Rider Must Have:

- GPS
- Cell phone, radio and phone numbers
- Personal Saddlebag
- Emergency Saddlebag kept at barn