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Introduction

This document contains information on the minimum skills required to achieve Registration within the National Outdoor Leader Registration Scheme (NOLRS) at specific levels within the activity of HORSE TRAIL RIDING. Its principle intended use is for training and / or assessment providers endeavoring to become a NOLRS Partnered Assessment Provider.

Additional documents are available at www.outdoorcouncil.asn.au that provide information about the Scheme and the registration process include:

- ***Courses and Competencies Equivalent to the NOLRS Standard*** - a cross reference detailing all the courses delivered by various NOLRS Partnered Assessment Providers as well as the VET units of competency which achieve outcomes equivalent to the skill and knowledge requirements for each activity at each Registration Level
- ***NOLRS Registration Guide*** - information about the registration requirements and process
- ***NOLRS Re-registration Guide*** - information about the re-registration requirements and process
- ***Application for Registration***
- ***Application for Subsequent Registration***
- ***Application for Re-registration***
- ***NOLRS Partnered Assessment Providers*** - a guide for organisations that conduct assessment of outdoor leaders, detailing how to have their course outcomes recognised as equivalent to the skill and knowledge requirements of the NOLRS.

What is HORSE TRAIL RIDING?

The activity of HORSE TRAIL RIDING involves organized recreational horse back riding where the participants are led as a group outside of enclosed areas in the natural environment for pleasure, challenge, experience and/or educational outcomes.

The term HORSE TRAIL RIDING is appropriately applied to long (multi day) as well as short (an hour or two) rides that can be experienced in diverse environments including metropolitan, coastal, outback and remote regions.

It is not intended that riding lessons and competitive events will be captured by this NOLRS registration.

Registration Levels and Description

HORSE TRAIL RIDING registration levels apply to Guides and Instructors who conduct HORSE TRAIL RIDING activities outside of enclosed areas in the natural environment for pleasure, challenge, experience and/or educational outcomes.

The following registration levels are available within the NOLRS within the activity of HORSE TRAIL RIDING –

- HORSE TRAIL RIDING Guide (Tracked Areas)
- HORSE TRAIL RIDING Guide (Tracked Areas – Overnight)
- HORSE TRAIL RIDING Guide (Broad Range of Situations)
- HORSE TRAIL RIDING Instructor (Broad Range of Situations)

HORSE TRAIL RIDING Guide (Tracked Areas):

A person designated as a HORSE TRAIL RIDING Guide (Tracked Areas) has the skills, knowledge and experience to work autonomously within a closely defined range of skilled operations involving known routines, methods and procedures, where a small amount of discretion and judgement is required in the selection of equipment, services or contingency measures. This person may conduct activities independently only within clearly defined contexts where there are clearly defined Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and relevant documented guidelines for the activity, they are familiar with those SOPs, and where assistance is readily available should a non-routine situation arise.

A HORSE TRAIL RIDING Guide (Tracked Areas) leads or guides dependent participants in HORSE TRAIL RIDING activities. There is no intention of imparting skills or knowledge to participants beyond that which is necessary to enable their safe participation in the HORSE TRAIL RIDING activity. At the end of a session or program with a Guide, the intent is not for the participant to have acquired the skills to independently participate in the activity

A HORSE TRAIL RIDING Guide (Tracked Areas) may conduct activities only at sites which have documentation that defines the key safety features and risk management procedures for the activity. They may only work at sites that have a well defined track and comprise a day ride element only.

A HORSE TRAIL RIDING Guide does not have the ability to adequately assess the suitability of a new facility / site and its characteristics or to independently develop procedures for the conduct of HORSE TRAIL RIDING activities. They may work as an assistant with a more experienced leader in potentially non-routine or more complex activities and programs.

A HORSE TRAIL RIDING Guide (Tracked Areas) has the knowledge, skills and experience that enable them to:

- Undertake risk analysis of activities
- Plan for minimal environmental impact
- Guide outdoor recreation sessions
- Follow defined Occupational Health and Safety policy and procedures
- Facilitate groups and deal with conflict
- Respond to emergency situations
- Demonstrate horse riding skills in Tracked Areas
- Demonstrate basic horse riding skills
- Guide day horse trail rides in Tracked Areas
- Handle horses safely

HORSE TRAIL RIDING Guide (Tracked Areas - Overnight):

A person designated as a HORSE TRAIL RIDING Guide (Tracked Areas - Overnight) has the skills, knowledge and experience to work autonomously within a closely defined range of skilled operations involving known routines, methods and procedures, where a small amount of discretion and judgement is required in the selection of equipment, services or contingency measures. This person may conduct activities independently only within clearly defined contexts where there are clearly defined Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and relevant documented guidelines for the activity, they are familiar with those SOPs, and where assistance is readily available should a non-routine situation arise.

A HORSE TRAIL RIDING Guide (Tracked Areas - Overnight) leads or guides dependent participants in HORSE TRAIL RIDING activities. There is no intention of imparting skills or knowledge to participants beyond that which is necessary to enable their safe participation in the HORSE TRAIL RIDING activity. At the end of a session or program with a Guide, the intent is not for the participant to have acquired the skills to independently participate in the activity

A HORSE TRAIL RIDING Guide (Tracked Areas - Overnight) may conduct activities only at sites which have documentation that defines the key safety features and risk management procedures for the activity. They may only work at sites that have a well defined track

A HORSE TRAIL RIDING Guide does not have the ability to adequately assess the suitability of a new facility / site and its characteristics or to independently develop procedures for the conduct of HORSE TRAIL RIDING activities. They may work as an assistant with a more experienced leader in potentially non-routine or more complex activities and programs.

A HORSE TRAIL RIDING Guide (Tracked Areas - Overnight) has the knowledge, skills and experience that enable them to:

- Undertake risk analysis of activities
- Plan for minimal environmental impact
- Guide outdoor recreation sessions
- Follow defined Occupational Health and Safety policy and procedures
- Facilitate groups and deal with conflict
- Respond to emergency situations
- Demonstrate horse riding skills in Tracked Areas
- Demonstrate basic horse riding skills
- Guide overnight horse trail rides in Tracked Areas
- Handle horses safely
- Use and maintain a temporary or overnight site

HORSE TRAIL RIDING Guide (Broad Range of Situations):

A person designated as a HORSE TRAIL RIDING Guide (Broad Range of Situations) has the skills, knowledge and experience to work autonomously within a closely defined range of skilled operations involving known routines, methods and procedures, where a small amount of discretion and judgement is required in the selection of equipment, services or contingency measures. This person may conduct activities independently only within clearly defined contexts where there are clearly defined Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and relevant documented guidelines for the activity, they are familiar with those SOPs, and where assistance is readily available should a non-routine situation arise.

A HORSE TRAIL RIDING Guide (Broad Range of Situations) leads or guides dependent participants in HORSE TRAIL RIDING activities. There is no intention of imparting skills or

knowledge to participants beyond that which is necessary to enable their safe participation in the HORSE TRAIL RIDING activity. At the end of a session or program with a Guide, the intent is not for the participant to have acquired the skills to independently participate in the activity. A HORSE TRAIL RIDING Guide (Broad Range of Situations) may conduct activities only at sites which have documentation that defines the key safety features and risk management procedures for the activity.

A HORSE TRAIL RIDING Guide (Broad Range of Situations) does not have the ability to adequately assess the suitability of a new facility / site and its characteristics or to independently develop procedures for the conduct of HORSE TRAIL RIDING activities. They may work as an assistant with a more experienced leader in potentially non-routine or more complex activities and programs.

A HORSE TRAIL RIDING Guide (Broad Range of Situations) has the knowledge, skills and experience that enable them to:

- Undertake risk analysis of activities
- Plan for minimal environmental impact
- Guide outdoor recreation sessions
- Follow defined Occupational Health and Safety policy and procedures
- Facilitate groups and deal with conflict
- Respond to emergency situations
- Demonstrate horse riding skills in tracked areas
- Demonstrate basic horse riding skills
- Guide overnight horse trail rides in tracked areas
- Handle horses safely
- Guide day horse trail rides in a broad range of situations
- Use and maintain a temporary or overnight site

HORSE TRAIL RIDING Instructor (Broad Range of Situations):

A person designated as a HORSE TRAIL RIDING Instructor facilitates skill transfer or development to participants in order that they may independently HORSE TRAIL RIDING. This requires the instructor to be able to transfer required skills and knowledge, apply a variety of appropriate instructional strategies, and assess a participant's skill and knowledge acquisition during and at the end of a program or session.

A HORSE TRAIL RIDING Instructor has the knowledge, skills and experience of a HORSE TRAIL RIDING Guide (Broad Range of Situations) as well as additional skills and experience in training and assessment. A person at this level of competence may instruct participants to enable them to:

- Instruct trail horse riding skills
- Train small groups
- Plan conditioning and training programs for horses
- Select and manage horses for beginner riders
- Educate, ride and care for horses and equipment
- Apply first aid for horses

HORSE TRAIL RIDING Skill, Knowledge and Experience Requirements

HORSE TRAIL RIDING Guide (Tracked Areas):

Critical aspects of a HORSE TRAIL RIDING Guide (Tracked Areas) experience, knowledge and skills include:

- Application of risk analysis principles in a HORSE TRAIL RIDING context
- Maintenance of a participant's physical and emotional safety during HORSE TRAIL RIDING sessions in a diversity of situations (eg, different participant groups, different learning outcomes)
- Ability to plan, guide and evaluate HORSE TRAIL RIDING sessions at a number of different locations to suit available resources, environmental limitations and different types of participant groups with differing needs and activity aims
- Establish and maintain positive group dynamics
- Ability to respond to emergency situations relevant to a HORSE TRAIL RIDING activity in range of environments and situations.
- Ability to identify, and plan for, basic requirements of a HORSE TRAIL RIDING activity (i.e. equipment, food, water, clothing)
- Knowledge of environmental impact issues associated with HORSE TRAIL RIDING and methods to minimise impact
- Factual Information on types, characteristics, equipment and technology
- Monitor and review minimal impact practices
- Legislation, rules, codes of practice, quality standards etc
- Methods/procedures/techniques in relation to operational, maintenance and repair, safety, recording , reporting, selling and merchandising
- Safety including hazards, precautions, hazard prevention and minimisation strategies, risk management strategies, first aid, medical emergency procedures
- Equipment usage in rescue situations
- First aid knowledge appropriate to location for both humans and horses
- Selection and use of equipment for trips
- Sources of food and water in emergency situations
- River crossing techniques
- Application of weather information
- Horse riding and handling skills
- Stowing and waterproofing gear
- River crossing skills
- Survival skills
- Interpersonal skills
- First aid appropriate to the location for both humans and horses

In order to demonstrate currency, an applicant seeking registration must have verifiable evidence of guiding a minimum of four (4) HORSE TRAIL RIDING (Tracked Areas) sessions (minimum of three hours per session) in the past twelve (12) months. In addition, evidence must be supplied of 'in-house' or external training within the past 12 months.

Newly trained outdoor leaders require verifiable evidence of guiding a minimum of six (6) HORSE TRAIL RIDING (Tracked Areas) sessions (minimum of three hours per session) at least two (2) different locations.

HORSE TRAIL RIDING Guide (Tracked Areas - Overnight):

Critical aspects of a HORSE TRAIL RIDING Guide (Tracked Areas - Overnight) experience, knowledge and skills include:

- Application of risk analysis principles in a HORSE TRAIL RIDING context
- Maintenance of a participant's physical and emotional safety during HORSE TRAIL RIDING sessions in a diversity of situations (eg, different participant groups, different learning outcomes)
- Ability to plan, guide and evaluate HORSE TRAIL RIDING sessions at a number of different locations to suit available resources, environmental limitations and different types of participant groups with differing needs and activity aims
- Establish and maintain positive group dynamics
- Ability to select, establish and maintain a temporary or overnight site
- Ability to respond to emergency situations relevant to a HORSE TRAIL RIDING activity in range of environments and situations.
- Ability to identify, and plan for, basic requirements of a HORSE TRAIL RIDING activity (i.e. equipment, food, water, clothing)
- Knowledge of environmental impact issues associated with HORSE TRAIL RIDING and methods to minimise impact
- Monitor and review minimal impact practices
- Factual Information on types, characteristics, equipment and technology
- Legislation, rules, codes of practice, quality standards etc
- Methods/procedures/techniques in relation to operational, maintenance and repair, safety, recording, reporting, selling and merchandising
- Safety including hazards, precautions, hazard prevention and minimisation strategies, risk management strategies, first aid, medical emergency procedures
- Equipment usage in rescue situations
- First aid knowledge appropriate to location for both humans and horses
- Selection and use of equipment for trips
- Sources of food and water in emergency situations
- River crossing techniques
- Application of weather information
- Camping and cooking skills
- Horse riding and handling skills
- Stowing and waterproofing gear
- River crossing skills
- Survival skills
- Navigation skills
- Interpersonal skills
- First aid appropriate to the location for both humans and horses

In order to demonstrate currency, an applicant seeking registration must have verifiable evidence of guiding a minimum of four (4) HORSE TRAIL RIDING (Tracked Areas - Overnight) sessions (minimum of three hours per session) in the past twelve (12) months.

In addition, evidence must be supplied of 'in-house' or external training within the past 12 months.

Newly trained outdoor leaders require verifiable evidence of guiding a minimum of six (6) HORSE TRAIL RIDING (TRACKED - OVERNIGHT AREAS) sessions (minimum of three hours per session) at least two (2) different locations.

HORSE TRAIL RIDING Guide (Broad Range of Situations):

Critical aspects of a HORSE TRAIL RIDING Guide (Broad Range of Situations) experience, knowledge and skills include:

- Application of risk analysis principles in a HORSE TRAIL RIDING context
- Maintenance of a participant's physical and emotional safety during HORSE TRAIL RIDING sessions in a diversity of situations (eg, different participant groups, different learning outcomes)
- Ability to plan, guide and evaluate HORSE TRAIL RIDING sessions at a number of different locations to suit available resources, environmental limitations and different types of participant groups with differing needs and activity aims
- Establish and maintain positive group dynamics
- Ability to select, establish and maintain a temporary or overnight site
- Ability to respond to emergency situations relevant to a HORSE TRAIL RIDING activity in range of environments and situations.
- Ability to identify, and plan for, basic requirements of a HORSE TRAIL RIDING activity (i.e. equipment, food, water, clothing)
- Knowledge of environmental impact issues associated with HORSE TRAIL RIDING and methods to minimise impact
- Monitor and review minimal impact practices
- Factual Information on types, characteristics, equipment and technology
- Legislation, rules, codes of practice, quality standards etc
- Methods/procedures/techniques in relation to operational, maintenance and repair, safety, recording , reporting, selling and merchandising
- Safety including hazards, precautions, hazard prevention and minimisation strategies, risk management strategies, first aid, medical emergency procedures
- Equipment usage in rescue situations
- First aid knowledge appropriate to location for both humans and horses
- Selection and use of equipment for trips
- Sources of food and water in emergency situations
- River crossing techniques
- Application of weather information
- Camping and cooking skills
- Horse riding and handling skills
- Stowing and waterproofing gear
- River crossing skills
- Survival skills
- Navigation skills
- Interpersonal skills
- First aid appropriate to the location for both humans and horses

In order to demonstrate currency, an applicant seeking registration must have verifiable evidence of guiding a minimum of four (4) HORSE TRAIL RIDING (Broad Range of Situations) sessions (minimum of three hours per session) in the past twelve (12) months. In addition, evidence must be supplied of 'in-house' or external training within the past 12 months.

Newly trained outdoor leaders require verifiable evidence of guiding a minimum of six (6) HORSE TRAIL RIDING (Broad Range of Situations) sessions (minimum of three hours per session) at least two (2) different locations.

HORSE TRAIL RIDING Instructor (Broad Range of Situations):

Critical Aspects of a HORSE TRAIL RIDING Instructor (Broad Range of Situations) skills and knowledge include those of a HORSE TRAIL RIDING Guide (Broad Range of Situations) **PLUS** the following:

Ability to demonstrate and / or teach the following skills:

- Rescue competencies to effectively deal with emergencies whilst instructing trail horse riding
- Instructional techniques to adapt sessions to meet a variety of learning abilities
- Trail horse riding skills to demonstrate and correct technique
- Observation and interpretation skills to select appropriate site and aid in hazard identification

Knowledge of:

- Activity location and its suitability for the conduct of the instructional session
- Industry guidelines, codes of practice, recommended staff/participant ratios
- Relevant legislation regarding the instruction or conduct of trail horse riding including:
 - Occupational Health and Safety
 - Land and water management authorities and
 - Local government
- Theories of instruction applicable to a range of ages and learning abilities
- Participant abilities and needs, in order to adapt the instructional session
- Safety procedures during the conduct or instruction of trail horse riding skills

In order to demonstrate currency, an applicant seeking registration must have verifiable evidence of instructing or guiding a minimum of four (4) HORSE TRAIL RIDING (Broad Range of Situations) sessions (minimum of three hours per session; at least three sessions must be instructing) in the past twelve (12) months. In addition, evidence must be supplied of 'in-house' or external training within the past 12 months.

Newly trained outdoor leaders require verifiable evidence of instructing or guiding a minimum of six (6) HORSE TRAIL RIDING (Broad Range of Situations) sessions (minimum of three (3) hours per session; at least three (3) sessions must be instructing) at different locations.