



# Trail Ride Packet

Assumption of Risk and Waiver  
Disclaimer, Rules, and Release of Liability

**Deer Creek Farms**

**P.O. Box 100**

**Troy Texas 76579**

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**Disclaimers:**

**Land Conditions:** The land is at the mercy of nature, and you ride at your own risk. Certain unknown and potentially dangerous land conditions which could cause injury or death may exist on the property of Deer Creek Farms. We do not make any claims that a horse, a person, or a vehicle on the property of Deer Creek Farms will be safe due to the nature of land conditions, or due to items or conditions left by current owners, previous owners, tenants, visitors, or boarders.

**Wildlife Conditions:** Certain potentially dangerous wildlife does reside on or move across the property of Deer Creek Farms. We do not make any claims that a horse or a person on the property of Deer Creek Farms will be safe due to the nature of the wildlife that resides on or moves across the property of Deer Creek Farms.

**Off the Trail:** Please note that areas outside of marked trails are unauthorized areas and presence in them is prohibited.

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**Rules:**

1. Riders must wear an approved ASTM/SEI helmet when mounted and the helmet must be properly affixed.
2. Wearing a safety vest is encouraged for participants while riding, especially when jumping. **A safety vest is mandatory while riding cross country, jumping, or eventing.**
3. Appropriate clothing for riding a horse is required. This includes closed toe shoes that have a definite heel and cover the ankle and protective clothing. Baggy clothing that can catch on branches, halter tops, shorts, open shoes, sandals, and athletic shoes are unacceptable, and riders wear them at their **own risk**.
4. Jewelry must be either covered by clothing, or small enough not to snag or catch on anything. Please note that any jewelry may not be safe to wear, and you wear it at your own risk.
5. Children must be supervised at all times or the family will be asked to leave until adequate supervision can be provided. No questions asked.
6. Children may not be left in a car or vehicle (*Texas Penal Code, Title 5, Chapter 22, Section 10, LEAVING A CHILD IN A VEHICLE*).
7. Do not enter an unauthorized area unless you are given permission to enter or you are under the supervision of a professional at Deer Creek Farms.
8. Visitors not involved in equine activities must remain in the parking area.
9. Deer Creek Farms reserves the right to refuse entrance to the farm or allow anyone to ride or continue to ride if that person's attire or actions are considered unsafe or inappropriate.
10. No smoking, tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs allowed.
11. No outside dogs allowed. If a dog is found on the farm, or is left in a vehicle on the farm, the owner will be asked to remove it from the premises immediately. Exceptions will be made for service animals.
12. Please respect the livestock and wildlife.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ agree to engage in the following equine activity at Deer Creek Farms: **Trail Riding**. (Please read each section and place a check next to each section to indicate you have read and understand them)

- I understand that there are inherent risks associated with trail riding; that Deer Creek Farms cannot claim that Trail Riding is safe, and that I ride at my own risk.
- I understand that there are factors in nature that cannot be avoided and that certain unknown and potentially dangerous land conditions, livestock, or wildlife which could cause injury or death exist on the property of Deer Creek Farms.
- I understand that the livestock and wildlife on the property may appear suddenly and cause my horse to react.
- I understand that horses can be unpredictable animals that have the propensity to behave in a manner that may result in injury or death.
- I understand that there is a risk that I may be injured or killed in an equine related accident and I agree to assume all risks.

#### Release, Hold Harmless, and Indemnification:

I hereby, intending to be legally bound for myself, my heirs and assigns, executors and administrators, waive and release forever any and all liability and all claims for injury, death, or damages due to an equine related accident against Annise Finch, Fred Finch, their heirs and relatives, Deer Creek Farms, employees of Deer Creek Farms, tenants of Deer Creek Farms, volunteers of Deer Creek Farms, and agree to indemnify and hold them harmless.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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### **Health and Safety Requirements for Visitors to Deer Creek Farms.**

- **Coggins Test:** Horses must have a current negative Coggins Test. Horses without a current and negative Coggins test will not be allowed on the premises of Deer Creek Farms.  
(Texas Legislature's House Bill 1732, September 1, 1999 The 76<sup>th</sup>)  
(Agriculture Code, Title 6, Subtitle C, Chapter 161.149)
- **\*Vaccinations:** Please have a current record of vaccination with you or a CVI (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection/Health Certificate) for your horse.

- Coggins Test \_\_\_\_\_ Date
- CVI/Health Certificate, or Record of Current Vaccination

Biosecurity and requirement of Record of Vaccination or CVI/Health Certificate will be based on Alerts and recommendations by the EDCC and Veterinarian recommendations.

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**MEDICAL RELEASE - Optional**

**Please fill out if you would like the information available in case of emergency:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

If minor, Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Family Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Facility \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Conditions \_\_\_\_\_

Medications taken on a regular basis \_\_\_\_\_

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Deer Creek Farms will call 911 for immediate medical assistance in the case of any major injury. If the injury is minor, paramedics will be called at your request. Any type of head injury must be seen by medical personnel as soon as possible.

Special instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

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**I have read the Disclaimer, Rules, and Release of Liability for Trail Ride in its entirety; I understand the information and rules set forth in this Release, and I agree to abide by all rules and regulations as set forth by Deer Creek Farms.**

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Signature of Participant

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Date