

## Riding Levels

We have four levels of riding to accommodate Beginners to Advanced. You'll be asked which level when booking your ride, so be sure and read the descriptions to find where you fit in. Also, keep in mind that all of your party will ride in the same category unless specified. What this means is, if you are Advanced but are bringing a Beginner, you will be cruising in the Beginner mode unless you want to be separated. For you Advanced riders, you'll have a great time even with the Beginner's Trails, and riding with your friends or family. You can always call us and book an Advanced ride on your own. We have TONS of lone Advanced riders who come out solo. In no time, you'll meet other horse enthusiasts who ride as well as you, because remember, you're grouped with riders of similar ability.

### RIDE ALONGS

A Ride Along is a child between the ages of three and six who is DYING to ride a horse. Have one of those, do you? So do a lot of Texans, so don't worry....we've got you covered. Your Ride Along will go everywhere down the trail that YOU go. They ride on a double saddle with one of our female Wranglers right behind them. Yes, behind your child, not the child behind the rider. They help them steer, stop, and keep their horse moving. No, your child can not ride with you, as we need them with an Advanced rider. If you are Advanced, and have been checked out by MCR, then we have no problem with you toting your tot. Of course we're seasoned professionals, so we make the child believe they are doing it all on their own!



## **GREENHORN**

This is a walk only trail ride. If you have Ride-a-longs, small children, elderly, or you're just plain yellow bellied, this is the ride for you. We have calm, well-behaved horses who are a joy to ride. We'll still teach you to steer (you don't just drop a quarter in and hold on) and stop, as well as climb and cross. We promise that even if you've never ridden a horse before, your ride won't be frightening, just AWESOME! And don't worry about being able to swing up in the saddle. All riders, including our Wranglers, are required to use the stairs. Less wear and tear on our friend's backs.



## **INTERMEDIATE**

This ride is for those who have grabbed some leather before but are far from Advanced. Along with cruising down heavily-wooded trails, crossing creeks, and climbing hills, you will also pick up a trot. No worries if you've never trotted before. You'll be given instruction out on the open trail, then soon you and your new friend will be clip clopping along at a pace slightly faster than a walk. We have Wranglers located every few horses throughout the ride, so rest assured we'll be watching and ready to assist you if needed.



## ADVANCED

This level is for Advanced riders only. Here, you will go into full Canters for extended periods, as well as climbing extreme verticals and “s” curves at a quick pace. Your first ride at the ranch must be no higher than Intermediate before approval into the Advanced category. We must be assured that you can handle a horse at this level. The riding is phenomenal, and our Advanced riders are never bored. Our horses are top quality, not twenty-five year old dead heads who must be spurred into action. We are very selective in choosing a horse for level-headedness and performance. Rest assured you will love each and every horse we have. Our riders try a new one each time they come out and we hear over and over again, “Geez, I thought I would have a favorite, but they’re ALL great!” Yes, they really are.

