So, you're interested in a Wild Horse Sanctuary trail ride but would like more information before you know for sure? Read on....

- **Plan ahead.** The rides fill up quickly, so make your reservation as far in advance as possible.
  - **Call 530-474-5770 to make your reservation.** A non-refundable deposit of $150 is required to reserve your space. Payment in full is due 45 days prior to the date of the ride.
  - 2 day rides are $475 per rider, 3 day rides are $575 per rider, and cost of “special rides” may vary and will be posted on our website. Fees include trail time, lodging, and all meals beginning with lunch on the first day and ending with lunch on the last day.

- **You do NOT have to be an experienced rider to join us on a 2 or 3 day trail ride.** We can accommodate riders of all skill levels and folks of all ages are welcome to join. Children under the age of 14 are subject to management approval.

- **Due to the fact that the trip includes a 2,000 foot climb to the cabins and a saddle weighing approximately 50 lbs., we must limit rider weight to 205 lbs. for the safety of both horse and rider.** (Trip participation of riders exceeding the weight limit will be subject to management approval.)

- **Be honest about your riding ability and height and weight.** Matching you with the right saddle horse is critical to enjoying a safe and comfortable experience.

- **If you are coming in from a long distance, it's a good idea to stay overnight in Redding, Red Bluff, or Shingletown for a good night's rest before your ride begins.**
  - For guests who are flying in: Sacramento Int'l Airport is approximately 3 hours southwest of the Sanctuary. The Redding Airport is approximately 45 minutes from the Sanctuary.

- **We ask that you arrive between 8:30am and 9am on the first day of the ride for check in and orientation.** We hit the trail at approximately 10am, ride for a few hours, stop for lunch in a beautifully shaded spot, and then get back on the trail and head to camp. We typically arrive at camp no later than 3:30pm.

- **On the last day of your trip, we'll have breakfast, pack our sack lunches and hit the trail around 10am and arrive back at the main corral by 3pm.
• Bring an appetite. All of your meals are provided and the cowboy barbeque dinner is beyond delicious! All meals are provided beginning with lunch on day 1 and ending with lunch on the last day of your ride.
  o With advance notice, we can accommodate guests with special dietary requirements.

• The cook house and cabins at camp are rustic and cozy. We ask that you bring a sleeping bag or bed roll to use atop the beds (beds have mattresses). There are 2 flushing toilets and a hot shower, as well.

• Ride season is from late April through mid-October (no August rides). The weather varies by season and can be unpredictable.
  o As it gets closer to your scheduled ride, check the weather channel or www.weather.com for the forecast to help you decide what to pack. (look at both Manton and Shingletown, CA)
  o A good rule of thumb, dress in layers. Jeans and t-shirts or sleeveless shirts for hot days and sweatshirt or light jacket for cool evenings.

• Pack light. Leave the blow dryers and curling irons at home and only bring the essentials.
  o Once registered, guests will be given a more detailed packing list.
  o Your personal belongings will be taken to camp for you. Saddles do have small bags that will accommodate your lunch, camera, sunscreen and water.

• Prepare yourself physically prior to arriving. Stretching out a bit in the days prior will help. In hot weather, hydrating a day or two prior to the ride can help prevent problems associated with heat exhaustion.

On the day of your ride:
• May sound silly, but get to know your horse before you ease into the saddle. Know your horse’s name and talk to him. For the next couple of days, your horse is your best friend.

• It can get hot on the trail, so carry plenty of water in your pack. As mentioned above, begin hydrating the day or two before the ride begins.

• Be true to your Old West experience. Turn off the cell phones and electronic devices.

• Consider bringing a story or cowboy poem to share around the campfire after dinner.

• Most importantly, be prepared to have a truly unique American West experience. Viewing wild mustangs in the Sanctuary’s natural setting will provide memories that will last you a lifetime!

• For more information or to register for a ride, call the office at: 530-474-5770.

Happy Trails!