



Best Horseback Riding

Seaton Hackney Stables Weather Policy

Be wise in the choices you make and create some good around you: It will come back to you ten-fold!



What should you do in case of: Heat? Cold? Rain? Snow? As far as riding is concerned?

Seaton Hackney Stables operates under the assumption that its customers want to ride as much as possible, conditions permitting. Here are the horse use parameters governing riding at the Stables under harsh conditions, taking into consideration that the rider is well protected and the horses not stressed.

- **Extreme heat:** Seaton Hackney draws the line at 99 degrees. However, a few degrees above or below are perfectly manageable as long as the horses have access to shade and water and the riding session is not too strenuous and the horses closely monitored. Riders, of course should wear appropriate clothing as well as sunscreen and remain well hydrated.
In doubt: Call: 973-644-3355
- **Extreme cold:** Seaton Hackney draws the line at 15 degrees. Anything lower would endanger the horse and, if stressed, cause fluid retention in the lungs. However, depending on the nature of the work: Beginner lesson, quiet trail ride, etc..., some exceptions may be made. *Additionally, our shredded rubber footing in all three rings offers great traction and prevents muddy and icy conditions. Properly attired and with the hands warmers we provide them, riders should not be overly affected.*
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- **Rain:** In case of a light drizzle or intermittent rain, lessons and trail rides usually go on. In heavier rain and in thunderstorms these are, of course, cancelled. Note that the only ones that are really affected by the rain are the instructors and the trail guides but, appropriately protected from the elements, they are more than happy to go on with the lessons. Generally speaking, if you drive with your windshield wipers on "intermittent", the lesson is likely to take place. We sometimes substitute a Badge (Barn Management) session to a Troop, especially at the lower levels. Also if it rains where you are, it does not always mean that it is raining here.
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- **Snow** has a moderate effect on us, as long as no ICY conditions are present. Our rings have great traction and our snow removing and ring dragging equipment usually does a great job getting our riding areas ready.
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