

MOUNTAIN MANNERS

- Pack only what you need
- Locate camp away from trails
- Do not tie stock to trees
- Keep stock & toilets away from water
- Tie stock away from camp
- Be neat - don't litter
- Don't smoke on the trail
- Give right of way when possible
- Saddle horses give way to pack stock
- When overtaken let them pass
- Don't crowd the horse in front of you
- Stay on trail - no shortcuts



If you enjoy the Backcountry...

If you enjoy riding horse or packing in the Backcountry...

Be a part of the group whose mission it is to:

- work with government agencies to maintain our backcountry trails & resources
- educate users of backcountry resources
- encourage wise & sustaining use of horses and pack stock in our backcountry

Join Us!

GALLATIN VALLEY BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN

Get an application at:
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Working to protect our heritage of Backcountry Horse & Pack animal travel through education, cooperation and resource management.



WHO WE ARE

The Gallatin Valley Backcountry Horsemen have a strong relationship with the Forest Service and work together to protect our backcountry trails and the privilege of riding on those trails. We are proud of our efforts to preserve and protect our precious backcountry resources through everything from trail maintenance to legislative work. We strive to maintain our high standards for responsible use of these lands and educating other users. We hope by our actions to preserve the opportunities for wilderness travel by horse and pack stock. Please join us today. You will meet some great people, work a few hard days and have the satisfaction of knowing you helped to preserve a part of the wonders of the Backcountry!



OUR MISSION

To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in Montana's roadless Backcountry and to assist government agencies in the maintenance & management of this resource and to educate and solicit participation by the general public in the wise & sustaining uses of horses and people commensurate with our heritage and the Back Country's resource.



PROJECTS

In recent years, several projects took the vast amount of time and effort. The Trail Crew helped pack in deck planks to the new Hell Roaring Creek bridge site. The Hell Roaring Creek bridge was completed in 2005. It is a 9,000 foot ride on a restored trail to the bridge. The GVBCH worked in partnership with the Forest Service on this and many other trails in the Gallatin Valley.



EDUCATION

The Gallatin Valley Backcountry Horsemen take their commitment to educating the public seriously. A Defensive Horsemanship class is offered free to the public. Every year new members without backcountry

experience are able to spend time with seasoned backcountry users. The GVBCH offers opportunities to learn from the trail crews who partner with the Forest Service to maintain & restore our beautiful backcountry trails. The Backcountry Horsemen appear at local events and demonstrate horse and mule packing techniques.



Horse Safety Clinic

