

Dear SDA Drivers,

Many of you asked for 'closer to home' drives; we've done our best, especially early in the season. The list includes several drives that are not SDA sponsored and contact information is provided for these events.

To make these events fun and safe please :

1. Notify the organizer (Lyn Howard, H 518 674 8582, C 518 577 4939, jalex56@gmail.com) 24 hours in advance of your plan to come. For some drives parking is limited.
2. All carts need a slow vehicle sign.
3. Some venues do not have water for your horse, so bring a five-gallon container plus a full hay net.
4. All SDA drives start promptly at **11:00 am**, so plan to arrive by 10:00 am, when a route map will be distributed. Many horses do not settle down in a cavalcade procession, so it is fine to set out separately.
5. If your horse is upset by other horses passing, please plan to go out last, and if there is a turn around, get your horse off the trail and headed by a companion while other horses pull past. If you need to overtake another driver, let him or her know in advance and pass slowly when you are waved on.
6. Insurance liability:
 - i. For SDA sponsored drives all drivers must be SDA members. A driver can bring a passenger to help with heading a horse, etc. The passenger(s) does not have to be an SDA member. The safety of any passenger is entirely the driver's responsibility.
 - ii. As for all horse events, all drivers need their own horse liability policy and should check on their individual coverage.
 - iii. The SDA-sponsored events are covered by a club insurance policy from Equisure. This policy defends the SDA if it is sued by a landowner or member of the public for negligence. Please note that club members cannot sue their own club.

We like to end the event with a potluck picnic, so bring a folding chair and a dish you can share.

Contact me if you have any questions. We very much look forward to seeing you.

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