



Wilderness Wrangler/Trail Guide Course

Level one

- 1. Safety on the ground (1/2 day)**
 - **Approaching and catching the horse**
 - **Haltering**
 - **Leading the horse**
 - **Tying using a quick release knot**
 - **Moving around the horse**
- 2. Horsemanship (1/2 day)**
 - **Understanding the horse as a prey animal**
 - **How to read the horse**
 - **Communication**
 - **Establishing safe boundaries**
- 3. Rider level 2 technical riding (national certification) (5 days)**
 - **Written test**
 - **Stable management (tacking the horse up)**
 - **Riding (skills independent walk trot and beginning of canter work)**
- 4. Trail riding skills (2 days)**
 - **Trip preparation**
 - **Safe riding practices on the trail (lecture and practice)**
 - **Animal encounters**
 - **Encountering other user groups**
- 5. Backcountry skills (1/2 day)**
 - **Care for the horse in the back country**
 - **Camp set up**
 - **Bear awareness**
- 6. Field trip (1day)**
 - **Loading and trailering**
 - **One day trail ride in Kananaskis country**

Level two



1. **Intermediate horsemanship (1 day)**
 - Halter work
 - Control of the horses feet
2. **Rider level 3 technical riding (national certification) (5days)**
 - Written test
 - Stable management
 - Riding skills (walk, trot, canter a pattern)
3. **Trail riding skills (2days)**
 - Planning a route
 - Crossing obstacles
 - Encountering steep hills
4. **Backcountry skills (1/2 day)**
 - Setting up a trappers tent
 - Leaving no trace
5. **Overnight field trip**
 - Practical use of all acquired skills
 - Overnight trip to Kananaskis country

Level three

1. **Advanced horsemanship (1 day)**
 - Round pen work
 - Gaining the horse's attention
2. **Rider level 4 technical riding (national certification) (6 days)**
 - Written exam
 - Stable management
 - Riding skills (advanced pattern in all gates)
3. **Trail riding skill (1 day)**
 - Safely leading a group
 - Leading a pack horse
 - Managing the group
4. **Backcountry skills (1 day)**
 - Survival situations
 - Emergency on the trail-managing the group and horses
5. **4 day field trip**
 - Route planning
 - 4 days/3 nights
 - Camp set up and take down



- **Horse care**

Level 4

Horse-packing level one and two (see separate attachment with course) (3 days)

Group management (2 days)

Wilderness first aid (5 days)

Map reading (one day)

Equine first aid (2 days)

Skill for rider level 4 can be acquired before starting any of the levels. With the exception of the horse packing all other skills can be acquired by other training facilities (e.g. wilderness first aid, map reading etc.)

We can travel to other facilities to teach horse-packing level one because we do not require livestock to achieve this.

We will honor any other riding certifications that give the students the required skills for the rider level