

Horse riding is a part of the cultural and historic heritage on Mt Stirling, and a source of pleasure and enjoyment for a growing number of people.

Horse Riding activities on Mt Stirling are permitted between 1 November—30 April each year.

### Care for the Environment

To help protect Mt Stirling Alpine Resort, please:

- Take your rubbish home with you;
- Remember that dogs and other pets are not permitted in the Resort.
- Firearms are prohibited
- Stay on designated trails;
- Minimise trampling and grazing impacts;
- Prevent the introduction and spread of non-indigenous plants;
- Protect water ways;
- Protect significant & environmentally sensitive areas such as alpine moss beds and swamps, heath, snow grass and sub-alpine forest communities;
- Minimise potential conflict with other resort users.



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**Mt Stirling  
Horse Riding Code**





Mt Stirling is a true gem in the landscape of high country horse riding. Either as a short ride, or a starting point for a longer journey into the beautiful high country, Mt Stirling is ideal. The stunning scenery is wonderful to experience as you ride through trails surrounded by Ash forests, snowgum woodlands and past alpine refuge huts.

### Planning a Ride

When planning a ride into the Mt Stirling Alpine Resort, ensure you are familiar with Resort Management regulations. Always fill in a trip intentions form and include your group size and contact number within the information. Forms can be left at Telephone Box Junction, or with Mansfield Police for your own safety. Always check fire danger forecasts. You need to consider weather conditions (no fires, including stoves on days of Total Fire Ban—Eastern and North-Eastern Fire Ban District) and injuries in areas inaccessible by vehicles.

**Take special care so that others can enjoy this unique alpine environment.**



### Be aware of

- The need for a licence from Resort Management if operating a commercial group;
- Prohibited areas and roads open to vehicles;
- Appropriate use of management tracks and trails;
- Total horse numbers must be no more than 20;
- Mountain bike and outdoor education groups' movements and events;
- Observe trail rehabilitation, closure and alternative route signs.

### Camping & Tethering

- Limit camping in any one place to 4 nights only;
- Access to camping sites, huts and yards is non-exclusive;
- Choose a firm, dry, well drained camp site at least 20m from any watercourse;
- Where toilets are not provided, bury your toilet waste at least 100m from water or camp sites;
- Wash horses away from streams to protect the stream environment;
- Horses must be held at least 30m from any hut, stream or campsite, unless within constructed yards;
- Night lining and tethering directly to trees overnight causes damage and is prohibited;
- Please use hitching rails (refrain from tying horses to trees wherever possible);
- Support vehicles are only permitted on those roads open for public use;
- Water horses at troughs where provided or bucket water to horses.



### Safety For You & Your Horse

- A helmet should be worn at all times;
- First aid kits for both horse and rider should be carried;
- Please report lost horses to Resort Management;
- Ride responsibly and respect the environment;
- Horse riders have right of way.

### Feed

- Studies show horses can retain weed seeds in their gut for up to 14 days and these can germinate in manure. Restrictions on the type of feed you can bring in to the Resort helps minimise the potential introduction and spread of weeds;
- Processed supplementary feed (e.g processed pellets, certified clean Lucerne chaff or hay, rolled or cracked clean grain) may be brought into the Mt Stirling Resort;
- Grass hay is not permitted;
- Horses should be fed using a nose bag or non-spill bucket. It is helpful if your horses are familiar with this feeding practice before your trip.

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