

HORSES IN OUR PARKS



What you need to know...
a guide for kids!



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SAFETY

On the Trail: Yield to Horses

When you see a horse, step off the trail, watch for hazards like poison oak, don't stand behind trees or bushes. Make sure you are safe and say hello! Stay visible and ask the equestrian how and when it is safe to pass. If safe to do so, move to the downhill side of the trail.

Around Horses

Never approach a horse from behind. They can't see you and can become scared. Always use a gentle voice. If the handler says it is ok to touch the horse, they like a gentle stroke on their shoulder.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Horses are friendly, gentle, and curious creatures. Horses are prey animals. That means they are always on the look out for something that might be of danger to them. Horses can see almost 360 degrees, but a horse has blind spots directly in front and directly behind its body. They can be startled by loud noises or sudden movements. Always approach horses calmly, from the front & using a soft voice.



Is this a pony? No! This is "Lightning" the mini horse. He and other horses live at Wunderlich Park.

FUN FACTS

- Horses can sleep standing up or laying down.
- Horses are herbivores - they eat plants. Mostly hay & grass.
- Did you know that horse poop is just digested grass? It doesn't have germs that will hurt you and dries in a short time.
- Horses can run shortly after birth.
- The fastest horse can run 55 MPH!
- Horses get baths, and like to be brushed. This is called grooming.
- Before cars were invented, horses were important for daily life.
- Some horses wear "shoes" on their feet for protection. They get new shoes every 6-8 weeks.

