

Who can I ride?

Groups of Horses Classified by temperament and how easy/ similar they are to ride.	To try a horse from this group you need to...	You can also ride horses from these groups without needing assessment:
Group 1: Easy Horses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shawna (may kick) • Shania • Rez 	Any rider can start an assessment from this group.	none
Group 2: Novice Horses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheyenne (don't let him get left behind) (not yellow+ trails) • Nava (not yellow+ trails) • Will (good lead horse) 	Any rider can start an assessment from this group.	Group 1 horses
Group 3: Sensitive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dreamer (good lead horse) • Kahleesi (for arena work) • Cupid (for arena work) • Kirk 	Pass Yellow level on a horse from group 2 or higher.	Group 1 & 2 horses
Group 4: More go than whoa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sabio (good lead horse) 	Pass Yellow level on a horse from group 2 or higher.	Group 1, 2, & 3 horses
Group 5: Left Brained <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angel (may kick) • Rose * (may kick) (not yellow+ trails) • Lumen * (needs to be at front) (not yellow+ trails) • Vinnie • Boarder: Prairie, Saxson 	Any rider can start an assessment from this group, however it is not recommended for smaller kids or nervous newcomers. Ask Lindsey before using a boarder.	Group 1 & 2 horses
Group 6: Sensitive & Left Brained <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allure (put near the front) 	Pass yellow level on a horse from group 3, 4, or 5.	Group 5 or lower horses
Group 7: Super Sensitive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thetis (good lead horse) • Quartz (need Christina permission) 	Get permission from Lindsey before trying.	All horses
New To Trails (Orange trails only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kahleesi (right brain) • Cupid (right brain) • Quartz (right brain) • Skye (left brain) 	Get permission from Lindsey before EVERY Trail.	Groups 1 – 5.
Excitable at canter (Applies to Yellow & Green trails only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nava • Rose • Cheyenne • Lumen (needs to be at front) 	Get permission from Lindsey before EVERY Yellow/Green Trail. You can do canter work in the arena without permission if ground canter was nice both ways.	Groups 1, 2, 5.

Order of go for trails:

Horses that like to lead:

- Thetis
- Dreamer
- Sabio (always at the front)
- Will (but he doesn't have to be at the front)

Horses that don't mind being at the back – even if cantering:

- Shawna
- Shania
- Rose

Horses that need to be near the front but not leading:

- Arrowyn
- Allure (always behind the lead horse or Lumen)
- Lumen (always right behind the lead horse)

Do not put horses that are fast walkers behind Rose or Shawna because they are likely to kick them for getting too close. This is why Rose or Shawna are typically always at the back. Shawna walks slower than Rose and is super dependable as a 'tail' horse so it is best to put her at the back.

Keeping the above in mind, generally put the faster walking horses in front of slower ones. If you are sure then line people up and try walking a loop in the ring and see if you've got the faster walker's up front.

Be smart about canters on yellow/green trails – do them up hills, going away from home, ease into canter slowly so the horses go naturally & quietly, and in short sections.

Never canter on the 'home strip' (the path beside the highway towards home), or on any trail in the last 10 min towards home.