

Thank you for the interest you expressed in enquiring about our horse trails.

! KINDLY NOTE: DUE TO PEOPLE NOT REALLY UNDERSTANDING THE WHEIGHT WATCHERS SECTION – OUR WEIGHT LIMIT - 115KG MAX.

PRICE INCREASE FROM 1 MARCH 2012

New Rates from 1 March 2012:

Our very reasonable rates are as follows:

R90 per person for an hourly ride -book for 5 and the 5th person rides for free
R200 per person for the 3 hour rides - book for 5 and the 5th person rides for free
R350 per person for the 5 hour rides -no discount
R200per person for the moonlight ride / booze cruise - book for 5 and the 5th person rides for free.

Times:

We offer a lenient riding schedule: (hour rides on Saturday's and the two three hour rides on Sunday's)

Summer :

Saturdays:

08:00 am - 09:00 am
09:00 am - 10:00 am
10:00 am - 11:00 am
15:00 pm - 16:00 pm
16:00 pm - 17:00 pm

Sunday's:

08:00am to 11:00am
15:00pm to 18:00pm

Winter: 21 April to 31 August

Saturdays:

09:00am to 10:00am
10:00am to 11:00am

15:00pm to 16:00 pm
16:00 pm to 17:00pm

08:00am to 11:00am
14:00pm to 17:00pm

Our Rides:

On Saturday's we present our one hour rides, next to the dam and river. On **Sunday's** we present 2 leisurely 3 hour rides. On all these journeys you are accompanied by two or more experienced guides. Halfway through the trip the group splits in two:

- An **advance group** that enables gutsy, wild at heart riders to practice their so called "unplanned dismounts" at a controlled canter pace.
- A **slow, controlled group**, that either trot or walk for the slightly more meek and mild rider.

During the 3 hourly rides we enjoy the enticing nature scenery surrounding the legendary Apies River and Bon Accord Dam. We unsaddle the horses at Bon Accord Dam Hotel for a well deserved half hour break. Bring some extra money with to buy a beverage to quench that thirst or an alcoholic beverage to calm the nerves. Breakfast for the Sunday morning breakfast run can be ordered, at the latest 3 days in advance, as the kitchen is not necessarily always open. Unfortunately, we can not vouch for the service that you will encounter at the "dam" hotel. The breakfast is a very basic R35.00-R45.00 hunger buster that includes bacon, 2 eggs, two slices of toast and baked tomato AND if you are lucky a sausage. Complaints about possible cold breakfast or a missing piece of bacon or an egg will only be met with a stern stare from hotel management at this "minus five stars" **convenient** halfway house. Other light meals can be ordered at the bar i.e. hamburger & chips, steak, egg & chips, prego roll's and chicken, chips and salad. At the Tuck shop you can buy basic snacks and non-alcoholic beverages.

We recommend that you book well in advance for our very popular Sunday rides in order to avoid disappointment.

Riding Gear:

Please note that we **do not** supply any professional riding gear i.e. protective riding hats, chaps and jods. Act smart and wear comfortable and practical clothes and shoes, such as denim, tekkies and a hat. Curb the intensity of the summer sun by wearing a proper sun block.

Riding Ability:

Inform us of your status as a beginner- or advance rider, about your weight, height and age when booking your ride so that we can match you in advance with the perfect horse suited to your individual needs out of our variety of amazing "horsesanalities".

***We have short horses for short people. Tall horses for tall people. Thin horses for thin people. Fat horses for fat people. AND for those **people** who has never ridden before, we have **horses** that also has never been ridden before**



Weight-Watchers (we do not mean to step onto anybody's toes here):

It is only necessary to "declare" your weight if you are a "very" heavy person. We have one or two horses that are weight carriers, but please, do keep in mind that although horses are big and strong, they can only carry so much weight. We do not like to show people away because of their weight, and we do try our utmost to accommodate everybody. **Some places** do not allow people to ride if the potential rider weighs over 90kg's. We are not that strict and the only reason we care about your weight is because we care about our horses backs. So kindly use **your own clear and sensible judgment**, and do not put us in the uncomfortable position of telling you, that you actually cannot ride. Should you be on the heavier side, please stay in the walking group, AGAIN, don't make us tell you that you are too big/heavy to go for a run. Your own clear and sensible judgment is the keyword here. Should you mount your horse and the horse is struggling to carry your weight, we unfortunately will have to tell you that you cannot ride.

Lost and "not found":

Make sure when you are on the horse that anything that might get lost during your ride is secure i.e.: hats, sunglasses, cell phones, keys, cameras, money, clothing tied around your middle etc – these items do get lost and unfortunately we **cannot accept responsibility** should this happen. **AND, should you have lost something, you are most welcome to walk the route, again, on foot this time, to go and try and find it; we will not stop you, really, or charge you for it.**

Other people do make use of the same trails and we have experienced that items that got lost is hardly ever found back again afterwards.

Guides:

Bon Accord Horse Trail guides are all competent and experienced horse riders within their own right. Their ages range from 15 to well over 40, but not quite over the hill....yet!

They are familiar with the planned routes as well as the ability of each horse.

All guides endeavor to keep you safe on the routes according to the rules and regulations of this establishment, and we kindly ask that everybody pay attention to what they ask or suggest during the ride.



Regarding Good Manners (or shall we call it “Africa time” (lol – really):

Should you have made a booking for a certain time (as all our rides work in time slots), and you cannot make it in time or make it at all, ESPECIALLY on Sunday's, ever so kindly phone us and inform us. We do not mind waiting 10 to 15 minutes, but bear in mind, an entire group will be waiting.

If you have made your booking for 8am or 3pm, that is **exactly** the time. You cannot arrive 30 or 45 minutes later or sometimes even an HOUR, and then be VERY surprised that we now cannot accommodate you. And this, after you have **not** phoned us! “Eish” man!

We are, after all, terrible people here at BA Horse Trails!

On Saturday's, in the unlikely event that you might be late, we can move you to a later time slot, if space is still available – but still - **kindly notify us**. If you were supposed to ride from 10am to 11am and you are late, we will not be able to take you out from 11am to 12pm – you will then have to ride in the afternoon.

If all this good-manners stuff is just a bit too much for you, herewith a concise version:

We here at Bon Accord Horse Trails, CAN be late, but you the customer? Absolutely not!!

Unless, of course, you do that magic thing: **grab your phone and tell us!**

Very Important: Regarding deposits: A deposit is essential if you book for a party of 4 or more people and is payable on the very same day. Please fax your proof of payment to us. **Furthermore, bring it with on the day that you come to ride, this is very important.** PLEASE do not arrive and say “oeps, I forgot it – but you must have it”. **No proof of payment – sadly, no ride!** Deposits will only be refundable if we receive cancelation for Saturday rides not later than Fridays at 17:00 pm and for Sundays not later than Saturdays at 12:00 pm. No cheque deposits will be accepted. **Please note that we do not have any credit card facilities.**

Banking Details:

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Nedbank Epsom Downs (Bryanston)

Branch: 152205

Acc No: 1522105115

Fax proof of payment: 0866888055

!!All bookings and cancellations must be done telephonically at 083 650 7380/082 973 2855!!

Other Rides & Functions:

Moonlight Ride / Booze Cruise (Only on Fridays + only for a group of 5 or more):

Depending on your “mood” you can decide whether your ride will be a moonlight ride or a booze cruise. We depart at **18:00** pm from the stable yard; ride halfway around the dam to the same “minus five stars” hotel mentioned earlier, where we unsaddle and stay for +- an hour. The ride to the hotel takes about an hour.

The cost of this ride: **R200/person.**

To avoid disappointment you should book for this ride **a week in advance** as we have to arrange for a guide to take you out. Should you book for this ride on the exact Friday you want to ride, we might not be able to accommodate you.

Bottom line: “You snooze - you lose!”

The “infamous” five hour ride (Only on Saturdays):

Every once in a while we offer a 5 hour ride. This ride is basically a “pub crawl” and **FOR EXPERIENCED RIDERS ONLY!!** On this ride you have to saddle and unsaddle your own horse. We normally depart at **12:00** midday and we are not necessarily back after 5 hours. The cost of this ride: **R300/person.** Like I said, this is a once in a while ride but we can accommodate you should you have a definite group of at least 8 or more **experienced** riders, otherwise you can leave your contact details with us so that we can inform you of when the next 5 hour ride will go out.

Parties:

Phone us for your “tailor made” children's or “grown-up” parties, of which our most favorite theme is.....(drum roll.....ta-da!) you guessed it! Western! Ie: Horsey and Cowboy-style's!

BUT you are also most welcome to have a Barbie theme party.

Your wish is our command, we are easy, and our party planner is very original and full of ideas.

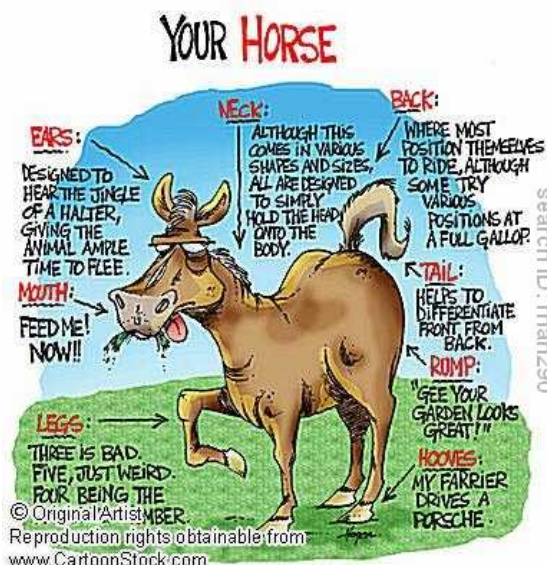
Our mission “-possible”:

At Bon Accord Horse Trails we want everyone to have fun and enjoy themselves while we “take you for a ride”, (pun intended). The atmosphere here at BAHT is one of fun, utter enjoyment, and a relaxed state of mind. We are not a “stiff-upper-lip” organization, therefore should you prefer the more rigid, “old school way” of horse riding, where you don’t smile at your neighbor, get irritated by the flies, offended by a farting horse, a gob smacked nose rub by your transport for the moment, or most of all getting irritated by other people having fun, THEN..... perhaps our horse trail is not for you. OR....., be daring, and take a ride on the “wild side” and discover your “inner child”!!

Pre-riding information to help beginners (and those who thought they knew) a little bit:

Basic guidelines regarding riding:

- Toes in, heels down (in the stirrup - a flat-bottomed metal ring hanging from a strap on each side of a horse's saddle to provide support for a rider's foot).
- The reins (a strap, or each half of a strap, by which a horse is controlled by its rider), is your “steering wheel”, pull the left rein to turn left and the right rein to turn right. The reins are also your brakes (not necessarily ABS); pull it towards your belly button to stop.
- To go faster you click your tongue and kick with your heels in the horses sides (the ribs).
- The last, but not the least and the most important thing to do is to **KEEP THE HORSE BETWEEN YOUR LEGS AT ALL TIMES!!**



- Universal horse language:
 - To go faster – clicking of the tongue.
 - To go slower or stop – whoa.
 - If neither of the above two commands work, try speaking “carrot”, this is widely recognized by horses all over the world and will almost always ensure a positive reaction.
- As for the rest: Learn as you go and enjoy!

DIRECTIONS:

GPS CO-ORDINATES:

S 25° 37.573
E 028° 10.764



Disclaimer:

*Although generally hazardous free, extremely enticing, wildly adventurous and scrumptiously relaxing, **horse riding at Bon Accord Horse Trails is conducted completely at your own risk!!***

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any further questions or inquisitive thoughts!

Kind Regards
Mariana

