

Signs, Signs, Everywhere Signs! What do they all mean???



Pine Ridge is an Equestrian Community, so drivers share our roads with horses and horse-drawn carriages. There are signs throughout our community to notify drivers of equestrian crosswalks and potential equestrian activity. Some of the signs may be unfamiliar to drivers unaccustomed to sharing the road with horses. This guide will help familiarize everyone with the signs – what they mean and what to do.



Sign	What It Means	What To Do
	<p>The county posted these signs at all entrances to Pine Ridge to warn drivers that we are an Equestrian Community. Florida Statue 316.0825 requires drivers to “use reasonable care when approaching or passing a person who is riding or leading an animal upon a roadway or shoulder thereof, and shall not intentionally startle or injure such an animal.”</p>	<p>Watch for and use reasonable care when approaching or passing a rider or horse on or near the road. As a courtesy, we ask that you reduce your speed 20 mph below the speed limit when approaching or passing a horse. On the driveway to the Community Center, the speed limit is 15 mph and sufficient for reasonable care. Please do not honk your horn, rev your engine, or rapidly accelerate near the animal as it may spook the horse.</p>
	<p>Sign alerts drivers in advance of locations where a person riding or leading a horse may unexpectedly enter the road.</p>	<p>Same as above.</p>
	<p>The AHEAD sign informs drivers that there is an equestrian crosswalk with a Yield sign approximately 300-360 ft ahead.</p>	<p>Reduce your speed and be ready to stop if required. Look for a person riding or leading a horse in or approaching the crosswalk.</p>

 	<p>The Yield sign requires a driver to stop and remain stopped to allow a person riding or leading a horse to cross the roadway when they are in or stepping into the crosswalk and are in the driver's lane of travel or are approaching so closely as to be in danger. The Yield sign precedes the equestrian crosswalk by about 45-50 ft.</p>	<p>Be ready to stop if there is someone riding or leading a horse in or approaching the crosswalk. Our equestrians request that vehicles remain stopped until the entire animal has cleared the crosswalk and is on the shoulder of the roadway. Otherwise, the movement of the vehicle or noise of the motor accelerating could spook the animal resulting in a dangerous situation for the rider, the animal, or the vehicle.</p>
	<p>The arrow indicates the specific location of the equestrian crosswalk. You will also see crosswalk markings on the pavement.</p>	<p>Stop and remain stopped outside of the crosswalk if required to yield right of way.</p>
	<p>If a vehicle is stopped in the road, it has likely stopped for a good reason – animal, debris, hazard, etc in the road. The vehicle should have its hazard lights flashing, but it may not.</p>	<p>Drivers in both lanes of travel should slow, exercise caution, and be prepared to stop for unexpected activity such as a horse in the road, an individual removing debris from the road, or someone assisting a Gopher Tortoise cross the road.</p>

Please Slow Down.

Equestrian Crossing Trail Head

Thank You!

