

In Bandera, horses have the right of way. All riders need to be respectful and cautious of traffic and pedestrians



Keep our riders and horses safe. Watch for horse traffic in The Cowboy Capital



If you see loose farm animals on the road, stop your vehicle next to them and turn on hazards. Then call Sheriff's office at 830-796-4323. Never try to catch them!

Always ask the owners permission before touching their horse. The owner knows their horse's habits (good and bad) and may be shy around strangers

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**WELCOME TO BANDERA, TEXAS COWBOY CAPITAL**

**THE HORSE FRIENDLY TOWN**



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# HORSES ARE HIGH-FLIGHT PREY ANIMALS



When they think something is going to get them, they want to run away.

- Things a horse finds threatening:
- ☑ Loud sudden noise
  - ☑ People running towards a horse
  - ☑ Sudden fast movement, bags, umbrellas, hats, etc.
  - ☑ Sneaking up from behind or somewhere the horse can't see or hear you

Always ask owners permission first if it's ok to approach the horse and make sure the horse can see you walking up to them  
**MOVE SLOWLY! TALK SOFTLY!**

# HORSES IN TRAFFIC

If you are driving and there are horses on the road, please slow down. A horse can bolt sideways at 45mph, most often out into the road



If the rider shows you the sign to slow down, please show respect and slow your vehicle speed

Its always exciting to see horses but don't honk your horn or yell out the window to them



# BRING YOUR HORSE TO BANDERA

There is Horse Trailer parking at Cypress/3rd Street in Bandera



Horse Trailer Parking is the Trail Head for the nature trails in the park. You will find directional signs to enter the Horse Shoe Bend which is more rural, or the south east part of the park. The South East part has several picnic tables and BBQ pit. Please stay at respectful distance where those are occupied.

Please do not enter the river when people are swimming

When riding in town, please make sure your horse is properly desensitized. Also please be aware that Main Street is a State Highway, and at times heavily trafficked

Negative Coggins is required