

JOHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK

Horses and Other Pack Animals

Horses have been a part of the parks tradition for many years. This recreational use and other activities are balanced with efforts to maintain the natural resources and unique ecosystems in Joshua Tree National Park. Horses, mules, ponies, llamas, and burros are the different types of pack animals (**stock**) on park trails and routes. This guideline will help you observe regulations and coexist with other park visitors.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW.....

The following regulations are specific to horses and pack animals (**stock**):

- > **No overnight backcountry camping with stock animals without Special Use Permit.**
- > **Grazing is not permitted in the park. All feed and water will be supplied or carried to the stock.**
- > **No stock animals permitted within 1/4 mile of any natural or manmade water source.**
- > **Stock animals must stay on marked trails, routes, washes, or areas designated for their travel. (In some instances you may need to cross over saddles or avoid hazards, please be responsible and use good judgement to prevent resource damage.)**
- > **The use of stock animals on paved park roads is limited to those instances when it is necessary to cross to or from designated trails, when the road has been closed to motor vehicle traffic, or under the conditions of a Special Use Permit.**
- > **Free trailing or loose-herding of stock is not permitted.**
- > **Stock animals will be restricted to a slow walk when passing in the immediate vicinity of persons on foot, bicycle, or vehicle.**
- > **Stock animals are not permitted in the following areas:**
 - * **All self guided nature trails**
 - * **All campgrounds not designated for stock use**
 - * **Visitor Centers**
 - * **Ryan Mtn. trail**
 - * **All picnic areas**
- > **Overnight camping or unloading of stock animals is only permitted in designated areas of Black Rock and Ryan campgrounds. All California Riding & Hiking trailheads or other roadside pullouts may be used for Day Use activity. NOTE: Please use good judgment when selecting a place to park when unloading stock and equipment in a congested area. Make sure there is ample turn around space, and you are not blocking or restricting the normal flow of vehicle traffic.**
- > **All feed, manure and litter must be removed prior to departure from camp and parking areas.**