

# Daufuskie Marsh Tacky Society Trail Ride Policies & Procedures

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Hay There,

Thanks for your interest in riding with Daufuskie Marsh Tacky Society! Please call/text 843-368-3636 or email [ride@daufuskiemarsh tackysociety.org](mailto:ride@daufuskiemarsh tackysociety.org) to book your reservation. If you have questions about your ferry and/or land transportation options, please let us know, we will be happy to assist you.

Rides go out year-round Wednesday through Saturday, otherwise by appointment, subject to availability. Departure times are flexible and may be dependent upon the tide schedule and time of year. We can currently take 1, 2 or 3 riders in a party, depending on height, weight and riding ability. We do not mix parties, therefore your ride will be private. Thanks for understanding that riding on the beach is prohibited by county ordinance from March 15th thru October 15th out of respect for sea turtle nesting season and the general increase of beach going tourists. Please allow at least 24 hours notice before you want to book your ride. When you reach out to book your ride, we will text/email you our Patron Rider Questionnaire which will require you to provide the following information:

- Email
- Date(s) you want to ride
- Rider(s) age, height, weight and riding experience/seat preference
- Any medical issues
- Transportation verification

If you are booking beyond 7 days in advance, we will contact you no later than 48 hours prior to your ride to confirm the weather is agreeable and that your plans are still in place. There is a \$75 fee for cancellations made with less than 24 hour notice. Rides that must be cancelled due to weather are not subject to cancellation fees and it is up to you if you reschedule or not.

In preparation for your bucket-list horseback riding adventure, please note the following:

- Plan to arrive 15 minutes before your ride time to allow for paperwork, mounting, tack fitting and a short riding demo tailored to you and your horse.
- This trail ride is not designed for complete beginner and/or physically unfit riders. You must demonstrate novice or better riding level which is defined by us as the ability to independently, confidently and proficiently mount, walk, trot, halt, change direction and dismount in an arena setting before departure onto the trail.
- Youth riders ages 10-18 must be currently enrolled or previously enrolled in at least one 'semester' of riding lessons to be welcome to ride with us.
- Riders must weigh less than 225 lbs and disclose any health issues for example back, hip, knee or ankle impairments, severe asthma/allergies, epilepsy, and/or prescription medications that may impair judgment or place you at a higher risk during your ride.
- You must have the ability to promptly follow verbal instructions while mounted, intoxicated or incompetent guests will be promptly dismounted and charged a \$75 cancellation fee.

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- Staff reserves the right to refuse customers based on their sole discretion and concern for the safety of the customer, the horses and themselves.
- Be prepared to trot during your ride. Guides will adjust the amount and duration of trotting based on your level of comfort and control at the trot. Cantering is only allowed based on Guide's sole professional assessment of your ability to safely and comfortably control your horse at the canter. Absolutely no galloping is allowed.
- 3rd party helicopter insurance is currently NOT AVAILABLE for Daufuskie Island. You acknowledge that in the event of a severe injury due to participating in equine activities on an island with no road access to the mainland, you may need to be airlifted and/or rushed by ambulance and water taxi for medical attention. You are responsible for any and all costs associated with any injury while participating in an activity and/or upon being present at any property owned, leased or occupied by Daufuskie Marsh Tacky Society.
- You are encouraged to bring your own riding apparel, including but not limited to helmet, breeches, chaps, boots and/or gloves. ASTM/SEI certified helmets are mandatory for riders under 18 years old and are provided by us to use free of charge. No riding in flip flops or bathing suits.
- Depending on the season, it is recommended to dress in layers. Sunglasses, sunscreen, bug spray and a water bottle are popular items you can bring.
- You are allowed to carry your phone on your person however cell phone use while mounted is strictly prohibited. It is strongly advised if you wear your phone to keep it in a waterproof pouch or ziplock baggie in a pocket that does not get in the way of your riding. We are not responsible for damage to your phone or other personal items during your ride or while you are on our property.
- There will be photo opportunities on the trail when your Guide will take your picture, your pictures will be given to you at the end of your ride as a keepsake of your adventure.
- Have fun! Our policies are designed for the safety of our customers, horses and guides. We can't wait to share a great day riding Marsh Tackies on Daufuskie Island with you!
- For special inquires, questions, comments or suggestions please contact us directly 843-368-3636.

Thanks!

The Staff at Daufuskie Marsh Tacky Society

Participant Signature & Date

Participant Print Name

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