



Etiquette for Riding on the Beach

Riding on the beach is a privilege we treasure here at Sea Horse and Diamond Beach is one of very few NSW beaches designated as Horse Friendly. To ensure Diamond Beach always remains horse friendly please read and follow the following rules;

1. **When in doubt – WALK!**

We recommend that you WALK your horse while passing anyone on the beach. Wait until you're a safe distance away before moving into a faster gait – especially if they're walking their dogs (who may want to bark at/run up to your horse).

2. **No Horses in Patrolled Areas**

ABSOLUTELY NO HORSES IN THE WATER IN PATROLLED AREAS. Most horses manure when they get their feet wet, so don't take them into the water in recognized swimming areas or near anyone swimming. If you do have to ride through a patrolled area do so at a walk and at the back of the area, being very cautious of pedestrian beach goers and children playing. Pedestrians always have Right of Way. If in doubt, simply halt your horse momentarily and wait until you can continue on easily.

3. **Keep Off the Dunes.**

RIDING ON ALL SAND DUNES AND VEGETATED AREAS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. You may damage hidden Loggerhead Turtle and Seabird nests, plus dune vegetation is easily damaged and takes a long time to regenerate. You'll quickly upset local residents if you ride on the dunes and beach vegetation.

4. **Dogs**

Local beaches are dog friendly too. Urban dogs (large and small) often delight in barking at or chasing horses. Simply be aware of this and if necessary, halt your horse until the dogs owner can get them under control or back on the leash.

5. **Be Respectful of Others**

Common courtesy and common sense should prevail and apply on all beaches, tracks, roads and in all situations. Err on the side of caution and be friendly.

6. **Traffic Rules**

Look both ways and stop before crossing roads. Don't assume the traffic will stop for you, or that they know its polite to slow as they pass horses.

7. **Keep it clean.**

Please help us keep our beaches, tracks & roadways clean. Make sure any empty wrappers or plastics come back with you.

8. **Helmets**

While it's a personal choice whether you ride wearing a helmet or not, we strongly recommend that you do. From personal experience, Dianne can attest to their life saving capabilities. "A good helmet is like an air bag for your brain!"

Of course, for *our* guests, this is all just basic common sense and general good manners. So having said all that, **Relax and go enjoy your beach riding. You're going to LOVE IT!**