

Assessment of Riding Ability

We happily welcome all riding abilities; however, to get the most out of your stay, we highly recommend taking lessons if you have not spent much time on the back of a horse as this experience is designed more for those with some experience on horseback!

We are a working guest ranch, thus our horses are working ranch horses and not “dude ranch” style horses. We do very little nose to tail riding. Therefore, being able to control your horse (make it go where you want it to go) is of the utmost importance to your safety.

Beginning Rider: This covers a wide scope. Please specify what level of beginner you are when you send in your forms!

Less than 20 hours experience

- 1) Does not feel comfortable on a horse
- 2) Has only been around a horse a few times

Your leaving the arena is dependent upon your progression on controlling the horse.

More than 20 hours riding experience

- 1) Has ridden before
- 2) Comfortable on a horse
- 3) Can turn a horse
- 4) Can stop a horse
- 5) Feels in control
- 6) Respects the dangers of being on and around a horse

Guests are allowed to lope a horse once they are able to post a trot comfortably and control their horse all at the same time.

Intermediate:

- 1) Has ridden in a variety of different terrains
- 2) Familiar with use of both hands and legs in controlling a horse.
- 3) Can post a trot comfortably
- 4) Has control of a horse at a canter

Advanced:

- 1) Balanced rider
- 2) Has good control of a horse at all speeds
- 3) Can differentiate and control front and hind quarters of a horse

Intermediate to Advanced riders will be able to access the full riding potential that Runamuk has to offer.