



Mounted Assistance Unit (MAU)

Checkout Ride Certification

Applicant: _____ Sponsor: _____

In order for Mounted Assistance Units (aka Horse Patrol Volunteers) to be certified to take Wilderness Patrol shifts, each rider and horse must successfully accomplish the following *checkout ride requirements* and *skills*. Each new applicant must be sponsored by an existing volunteer.

Checkout Ride Narrative Evaluation

Sponsors and/or assisting horse patrol volunteers must complete the following written evaluation.

	Checkout Ride 1 with Sponsor and additional MAU Volunteer (completed by non-sponsor who also checks off Page 2)	Final Checkout Ride 2 with Sponsor and MAU Checkout Rider (completed by MAU checkout rider who also checks off Page 3)
Ability to demonstrate required skills		
Suggestions and comments		
New status (pass, re-check needed)	Signature _____ Date _____	Signature _____ Date _____

Checkout Ride 1. Required Skills for Applicant: Name _____

Each MAU applicant and accompanying horse must be able to demonstrate the following skills and behaviors during their checkout rides.

Horse remains calm when:	✓	Horse demonstrates:	✓	Rider demonstrates:	✓
Trailer loading and unloading		Ability to be controlled at walk, trot and canter. *Ask applicant to canter horse on 100' of open trail. Canter is for emergency only		Knowledge of trail names	
Tied for extended time		Come to complete controlled stop at any time		Ability to identify their exact location within 30 seconds of being asked to do so. Map, prior knowledge or GPS trail map may be used.	
Left by other horses		Cross water, creeks, bridges		Provide clear trail directions	
Leaves other horses		Ability to go up and down steep hills		Familiarity with radio protocol	
Ponied				Ability to report incidents and important trail issues on radio	
Ponying				Friendly/courteous manner with park visitors	
During mounting/dismounting					
Encounters other Horses Bikes Hikers Strollers					
Led from ground					



Contact MAU Coordinator Larry De Young (larrydeyo@gmail.com, 650-224-2579) or Wilderness Patrol Coordinator Jeremy Lin (jeremy.lin@parks.ca.gov, 831-427-2288) with any questions/clarifications about the Horse Patrol Checkout Ride process. Once completed, please email a completed copy of this form to larrydeyo@gmail.com (scanned, or photographed copies acceptable).

Checkout Ride 2. Required Skills for Applicant: Name _____

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Horse remains calm when:	✓	Horse demonstrates:	✓	Rider demonstrates:	✓
Trailer loading and unloading		Ability to be controlled at walk, trot and canter. <i>*Ask applicant to canter horse on 100' of open trail. Canter is for emergency only</i>		Knowledge of trail names	
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