



Bennington Carriages Trail Register – Safety Tips

- Never remove your bridle while your horse is attached to a carriage
- Do not tie your horse to your trailer/lorry if still attached to a carriage
- Teach your horse to “stand” before attempting a drive away from home
- Check there is drinking water available at the driving facility or take sufficient with you
- Before the drive, check harness wear and the carriage is good safe working order
- Make sure your breeching is correctly adjusted
- Think about fitting a under halter or gullet strap on the bridle for safety
- Hi Viz clothing and banner on the carriage is fitted
- Have a spares kit on the carriage – spare trace, rein, breeching strap, hoof pick, cable ties, string, insulation tape
- First aid kit for horse and human
- Fly spray for the horse, bucket and sponge
- Carry a fully charged mobile phone on your person. Know the centres telephone number
- Wear appropriate clothing, including sturdy foot wear, driving gloves and a well fitted equestrian helmet
- Carry a whip – it replaces your legs
- Always drive with a groom
- If your carriage has pneumatic tyres fitted, carry an aerosol foam spray can to get you home if you have a puncture
- The driver is always the first person in the carriage and the last one out
- Stay on marked trails
- Do not let your horse nibble on plants along the trail. Some may be poisonous.
- Drive according to the ground conditions
- Descend down hills slowly
- Call out to another driver to ask to pass. Once past, leave plenty of room between carriages
- If you meet a rider, stop your carriage. Allow the riders to determine how to safely pass



Be safe and have a great time