



Miwok Stables

Since 1981

Horseback Riding for All Ages In the beautiful Golden Gate National Recreation Area



After forty great years here, I sold this business on December 1, 2021, to a new owner, Alison Friedman, who opened under the name The Miwok Equestrian Center. Their new website is coming soon. We wish Alison all the best.

As all classes at MEC are currently filled, please check back again for the coming MEC website, new phone and new email info.



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Enjoy horseback riding in one of the most beautiful riding stables in the San Francisco Bay Area. Located in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in Marin County, just ten minutes north of San Francisco in a thousand acres of /california grasslands, oak trees and chaparral, home to deer, bobcats coyote and jackrabbits. Miwok Stables has 26 horses and a credentialed staff of riding instructors giving lessons, clinics, and kids' summer camps. We welcome all riders, from beginners through advanced, and have well-trained horses for every ability. Come join us!



Lessons for Adults

We teach all levels of English riding, from Beginner through Advanced. Introductory Courses are great for the Rusty Rider and Beginner. If you have some experience, start with an evaluation lesson to find the right classes for you.



For Kids

Classes

Lots to choose for kids ages 7 up, weekly lessons.

Summer Camps

Weekly Summer Day Camps are great learning about horses, riding lessons and horsey activities.



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Introductory Courses

for Beginners and Rusty Riders

Learn to ride, lead and tie, groom, saddle, bridle, mount and dismount. You will start riding on day one! Lots of hands-on assistance in your riding lessons on balance and how to communicate with the horse. Our school horses are well trained and the instructors are certified and have years of experience.

Intro courses will get you started, or brush up your skills if you are rusty, then we have more classes for you to keep on riding. Coming out to Miwok Stables for your ride is like having a little vacation every week! Four to six students in a class.

Novice, Intermediate & Advanced

Riding lessons are offered in the ring and on the trail at all levels. First we schedule an evaluation lesson to place you. Classes emphasize techniques for fluid movement and balance, and some include basic dressage and Natural Horsemanship.

Evaluation Lesson

If you have riding experience, but are not sure what level to take, start with an evaluation lesson. We will arrange to have you ride with one of our group classes, after which the instructor will suggest the best classes for you. A private 45 minute evaluation is \$150. An evaluation lesson in a group class is \$125.

Kids' Lessons



Leadline Lessons

Ages 8 & 9

Leadlines are half-hour lessons on Saturday mornings, a fun way to build confidence around horses and a positive first riding experience. The instructor leads the horse, giving the child a sense of security and enjoyment. You can pick your lesson online, and can pay online and download the Release Form to bring to your child's first ride.



Afterschool Program

Novice thru Advanced

The After-school Program is a nine-month course of weekly lessons from September through May. Prerequisite is our Summer Camp or Lead-line lessons. The lessons are grouped by level of experience and are limited to six students.

The courses are designed to be fun, safe and challenging, so the children learn the foundations of good horsemanship and enjoy learning about horses while they hone their skills. Our kids usually ride with us for several years, and have the option at the higher levels of joining the Miwok Stables Show Team.



Show Team

Advanced

Miwok advanced students may qualify for the Miwok Livery Show Team. Team riders ride twice a week and compete in local shows. Our emphasis is on team spirit, working together toward a common goal, achieving a personal best through consistent practice while having fun. Team kids do it all - get the horses ready, groomed to perfection, and help each other caring for the horses after the show, and ride their events with confidence and pleasure., The lessons learned go well beyond horsemanship.

Kid's Summer Camps



Campers are grouped for riding lessons by age and level. Our knowledgeable staff evaluate the children carefully and place each child in the group which will provide the best, safest and happiest riding experience.

We emphasize safety, while making the camp fun and educational. Our horses have years of experience introducing riders of all ages to the sport. They love children, and earn their carrots.

CAMP HOURS: 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Kids ages 8 & up are given challenges and activities appropriate to their levels, grouped by experience and carefully matched with a suitable horse for their riding lessons. Riders gain a firm foundation in equestrian skills, learning more about horses and themselves as they advance.





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Boarding

The facility has one indoor arena, and outdoors a full sized arena, schooling ring, and a lunging ring. There are 17 stalls for private boarders, and 26 stalls for the school horses.

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"In riding a horse, we borrow freedom."

- Helen Thompson



Testimonials

Hello from Gros Ventre River Ranch, Jackson Hole, WY! Thank you for our beginner lessons this Spring, they helped us enjoy our week at the dude ranch. We appreciate all of the tidbits of information that you gave us! - All the best, Kim & Mark

" Thank you for the week of camp. Katherine has carried that blue ribbon everywhere with her this weekend. She is so very proud of it. She gained tons of confidence in her week of camp and is really looking forward to putting it to good use in the Fall. We look forward to the after school program with lots of happy anticipation! Thank you!"

"Thank you for providing a wonderful opportunity for the kids. Miwok Stables is such a well run, safe, and fun place to learn more about horses." – ANNIE

" Along with the fantastic trainers at Miwok, I am greatly enjoying the class. I have a deep interest to improve my riding ability as well as my understanding of basic horsemanship. I appreciate these opportunities Miwok provides. Thanks again for all you do!" -J