

## Bringing Your Personal Gear on the Ride

*Please be sure to read and understand our current rules regarding your gear on the ride. These rules will be strictly enforced the day of your ride so be sure to weigh, measure, and plan your gear in advance.*

### How it's packed

Riders are not permitted to wear backpacks or hip packs on the horse. This is for your own balance and safety, as well as that of the horse. Swan Mountain Outfitters provides saddle bags that you may use at no extra charge for the duration of your ride.

1. Cantle bags, which attach behind the saddle. Cantle bags have 2 large pockets. They are best for items that don't need quick access.
2. Pommel bags, which attach to the front of the saddle. Pommel bags have 2 small pockets. They are best for items needing quick access.
3. Saddle strings allow you to tie soft items (such as your rain jacket) across the back of the saddle.

### Limitations

Limitations on your gear are necessary to ensure safe mounting and dismounting the horse. These limitations also serve to protect the well-being of our horses.

- The sum total of your gear may **not exceed 25 pounds** and must be **evenly distributed** on the right and left sides of the horse.
- Each horse can only carry at a maximum at any given time: 1 set of cantle bags, 1 set of pommel bags, and 1 item tied across the back of the saddle.
- Cantle bag pockets measure 12x12x4 inches. Pommel bag pockets measure 6x4x2 inches. Gear cannot be poking out over the top of the pockets.
- Any gear tied on the back of the saddle may not exceed the height and length of the cantle (back of the saddle). It may not exceed the width of space behind the cantle (leather and padding of saddle).
  - This varies slightly with each saddle, but you may estimate at a *maximum* the dimensions of this space to be 6x14x6 inches.
  - Gear that is tied on across the bag of the saddle must be soft and pliable. Hiking poles and framed packs are not suitable for this space.

## Other Information

- You are welcome to visit our corral prior to your ride and ask the staff if you can use the scale and test-fit your gear into the saddle bags.
- Any gear that does not fit on your horse per the above requirements (i.e. hiking poles, sleeping bags, hiking packs, cooking utensils, etc.) must be put on a pack animal, or left behind.
  - Pack animals cost an **extra fee**.
  - Pack animals may not be available at the last minute. Please plan your gear needs in advance.
  - Pack animals can carry up to 150 pounds of gear.
- Please note that glass containers, firearms, and bear spray are not permitted on your person or as extra gear.

## Photo for Reference

