



# Cataloochee *Rider's Guide*

The day's riding list is taken at breakfast of the same day. No-shows will be charged a \$20 saddling fee unless the booking is cancelled at least thirty minutes prior to departure time.

## **Rates**

### HALF-DAY RIDES

Ranch guests: \$50 per person

Non-guests: \$55 per person

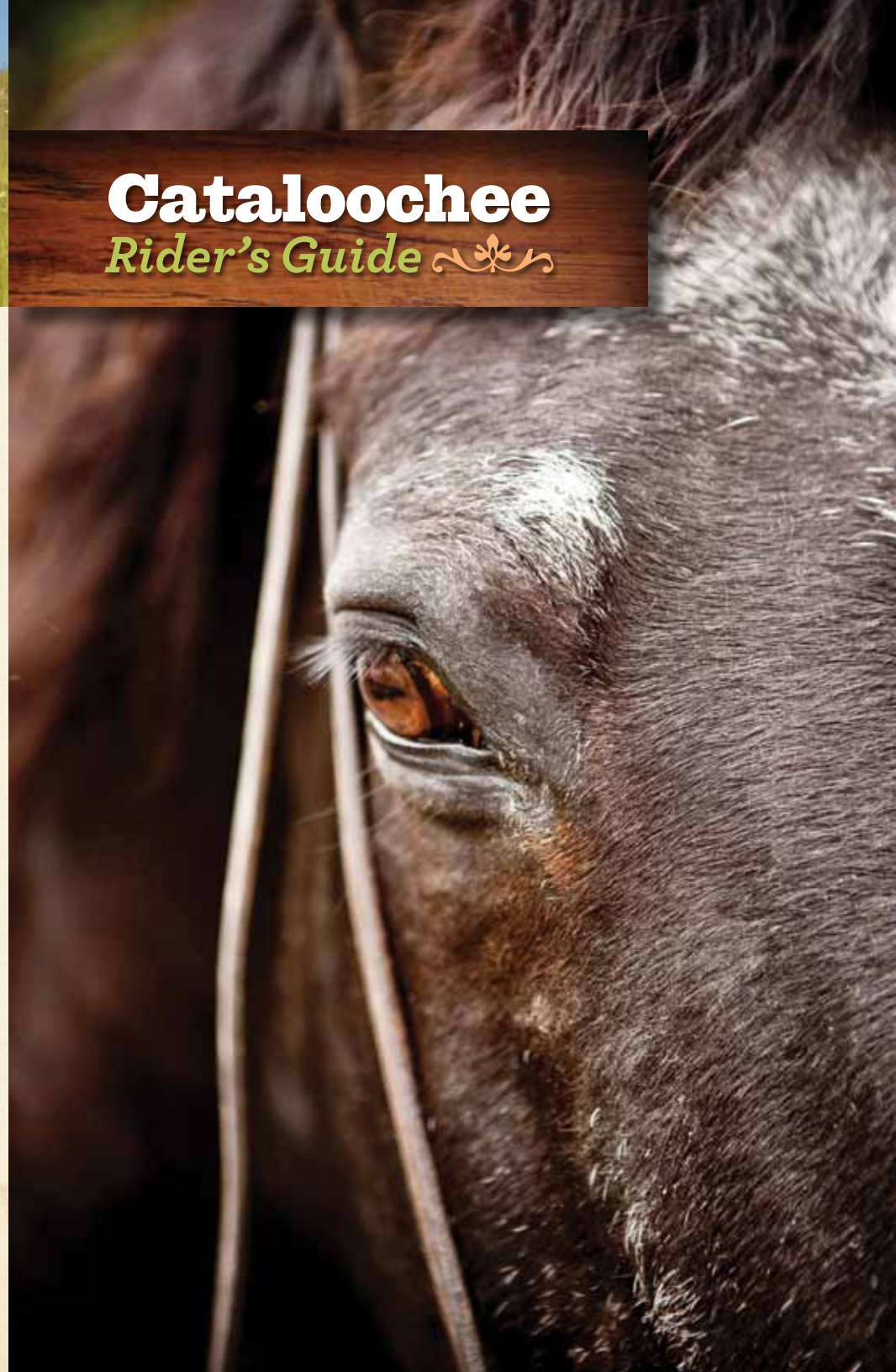
### ALL-DAY RIDES

Ranch guests: \$110 per person

Non-guests: \$120 per person

### PRIVATE RIDES

\$25 surcharge per person



## **Disclaimers**

CRT will make every effort to ensure your safety, but it must be understood that there are elements of risk when dealing with any live animal. Riders who fail to use courtesy on the trail or follow the wrangler's instructions will be escorted back to the barn. All riders must sign a release form and participate at their own risk. Weight and age limits apply. No double riding is allowed. Alcoholic beverages, smoking and cell phone use are not permitted on the trail.

*Rates, dates, times, availability and policies  
are subject to change without notice.*

Please call us at (828) 926-1401 with any questions you may have.



## Good Horse Sense

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**1.** Don't overstate your ability on the riding release. Please give an honest assessment of your skill level and your weight. This also applies to children, because for safety's sake it's important to make a compatible match between horse and rider.

**2.** Do follow your wrangler's instructions and take them seriously. There's a good reason for each and every Ranch practice.

**3.** Do dress appropriately for riding. We require long pants and sturdy shoes, preferably with a heel. Avoid hiking boots if possible, as they tend to get stuck in the stirrup. Also bring a sweater or jacket, even on mild days, since rides usually ascend to the higher peaks or into the cool shade of wooded areas. We have riding helmets available and encourage you to wear them. *(Required for age 12 and under.)* We provide rain ponchos, but you're welcome to bring your own raingear.

**4.** Don't expect that the Ranch weather will be predictable. Be prepared to bring a light jacket or sweater, and check with the front office for the expected weather for the day.

**5.** Do begin your riding at the Ranch with half-day rides before inquiring about all-day rides. Seven to eight hours in the saddle are a lot different than 2½ hours times two.

**6.** Don't tell your wrangler that you want to "run" all the time. Horses walk, trot and canter. People and dogs run. Our mountainous terrain dictates the pace, but we guarantee that the scenery and the company of fellow guests and friendly wranglers will make you satisfied with your ride at any speed.

**7.** Riders are grouped according to their ability, with gentle mounts for beginners and more spirited ones for experienced riders. The pace is determined by the terrain and circumstances of the day. Wranglers carry first-aid kits and have radio communication with the Ranch office at all times.

**8.** Gratuity for wranglers is graciously accepted.

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## Schedule (APRIL-NOVEMBER)

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**Half-day Rides:** Depart at 9:30am and 2:00pm. They vary from 2 to 2½ hours depending on the route taken.

**All-day Rides:** Depart at 9:30am. They last approximately seven hours, and lunch is provided. All-day rides are scheduled when personnel are available.

**Private Rides:** Available when staffing permits.

*Please Note: CRT cannot guarantee more than one ride per person per day during peak times.*

*If you have any questions or complaints, please feel free to let us know. Our family Barn Manager is Judy B. Sutton, and she welcomes your inquiries.*