

Equestrians Institute Driving Introduction to Carriage Driving
August 1 and 2, 2020

Event Description: This is an educational and fun weekend for those who want to learn about carriage driving from the ground up. Participants will learn about selection and education of the horse and driver, harnessing, choice of vehicle, hitching, on-the-ground skills. Participants will watch and practice harnessing, ground driving, hitching, driving. Participants will not bring their own horses. School horses and equipment will be furnished, but you should bring your helmet if you have one. You will receive written materials and educational articles to take home.

Venue: Bridle Trails State Park
5300 116th Ave. N.E.
Kirkland, WA 98033
<https://parks.state.wa.us/481/Bridle-Trails>

Entry Form: Use form available on website: <http://www.einw.org/intro-to-carriage-driving.html>

Entries Open: Postmarked **June 15**. Entries accepted by postmark.

Entries Close: Postmarked July 14 – earlier if full, check website for status.

Waiting List: Yes, maximum 20 entries

Clinician: Teresa Bron, Certified PATH instructor,
American Driving Society Combined Driving Judge

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Entry Fee: \$120 (US) for both days. Equestrians Institute members receive a \$20 discount (\$100 entry fee). One spouse or child may also attend for an additional \$80 (\$60 for EI members). Post-entry fee, (call first), add \$25. All fees are US dollars. Make checks payable to Equestrians Institute. If you wish to pay by credit card, use PayPal at [Paypal.me/eidriding](https://www.paypal.com) and add \$5 service fee to total. If you need assistance paying by credit card, contact Diana Axness at diana@einw.org or 425-466-4845.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 9 am to 5 pm (Brown bag lunch midday)

- Selection of a driving horse, ground driving, harnessing, carts and carriages, hitching the single horse
- You will also learn how to handle reins, as well as how to mount and dismount a carriage safely.

Sunday: 9 am – 4 pm (Brown bag lunch midday)

- Review of first day's lessons
- Each clinic participant will have time to review and practice techniques from day one and will be able to have hands-on practice with:
 - Harnessing a horse or pony: review and practice
 - Ground driving: review and practice
 - Putting to a cart or carriage
 - Driving a horse or pony with clinic staff

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Event Attire: Dress comfortably for the weather. Wear sturdy shoes, no sandals. Helmets are required for hands-on work with horses. Safety vests and medical armbands are helpful but not mandatory for this event.
- Since this is a state park, you will need a Discover Pass for parking. They are available at the park if you need one, or purchase online: <https://www.discoverpass.wa.gov/>
- Brown-bag lunch will be provided both days. If you have special dietary needs, you may wish to bring your own lunch.
- No camping at the park. If you need local lodging, please contact organizer for information.
- Kindly leave dogs home unless they are truly service animals. Dogs are allowed at the park, but you're going to need your hands free for clinic participation.
- Please consider putting your new knowledge into practice by volunteering at the Equestrians Institute Combined Driving Event -- August 14, 15, 16, 2020.

REFUND POLICY: \$20 office fee will be deducted from all refunds. Before closing date, full refund minus office fee. After closing date up until 72 hours before event starts, full refund minus office fee only if can backfill from waiting list. No refunds after 72 hours prior to event start.

DIRECTIONS: Map to Bridle Trails State Park:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Bridle+Trails+State+Park/@47.653001,-122.173805,16z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x54906d2ffb01dd1f:0xd06da4c29310eec0!8m2!3d47.6551306!4d-122.1843369?hl=en>

NOTE: Do not use MapQuest, as it will not bring you to the park entrance. Google Maps works, as does the link above.

Printable park brochure:

<https://parks.state.wa.us/DocumentCenter/View/9278/Bridle-Trails-State-Park-PDF?bidId=>

ENTRY CHECKLIST:

- Entry signed, both pages?
- All blanks filled in?
- Check included or PayPal paid?