

## Equestrians Institute Driving: An Introduction to Carriage Driving

June 26, 2021

**Event Description:** This is an educational one day clinic 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/educational materials to take home. Driving safety will be a special focus in every step of this clinic.

**Special note:** All participants will be subject to the ADS Covid-19 Action Plan, Washington state health guidelines and national mandates in effect at the start of the event. Please see the Covid-19 Action Plan on the ADS website, where information is updated frequently.

[https://americandrivingsociety.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=22&club\\_id=548049&module\\_id=408765](https://americandrivingsociety.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=548049&module_id=408765)

**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 April 12. Entries accepted by postmark.

**Entries Close:** Postmarked May 28 -- 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

**Organizers:** Equestrians Institute Driving Division  
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**Mail Entries to:** Registration secretary

**Entry Fee:** \$70 (US). Equestrians Institute members receive a \$10 discount (\$60 entry fee). One spouse or child may also attend for an additional \$40 (\$30 for EI members). Post-entry fee, (call first), add \$20. 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/merchot?p=Einw) and add \$5 service fee to total. If you need assistance paying by credit card, contact Diana Axness at [diana@einw.org](mailto:diana@einw.org) or 425-466-4845.

## **TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:**

Saturday: 9 am to 5 pm (Brown bag lunch midday. Beverages and cookies provided.)

- 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, and much more.
- All participants will have a chance to drive in a carriage and even drive a horse or pony with clinic staff, if time allows.

## **OTHER INFORMATION:**

- Event Attire: Wear your mask. 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. (\$30 Annual and \$20 for a one day) and are available at the park, or online: <https://www.discoverpass.wa.gov/>
- BYO brown-bag 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 on leash 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 13, 14, 15, 2021.

**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:**

- Disclaimer signed?
- All blanks filled in?
- Check included or PayPal paid?