

Equestrians Institute Driving

An Introduction to Carriage Driving - May 9th, 2026 (Saturday)

and/or

An Introduction to Combined Driving - May 10th, 2026 (Sunday)

Event Description: These are two separate driving clinics – an introduction to carriage driving on Saturday and an introduction to combined driving on Sunday. Participants can register for either one or both clinics based upon their current level of experience and interest.

Introduction to Carriage Driving Clinic (Saturday 9am – 5pm): This is an educational one-day clinic for those who want to learn about carriage driving from the ground up. Participants will learn about the selection of the horse, education of the horse and driver, harnessing, choice of vehicle, hitching, and on-the-ground skills. Participants will watch and practice harnessing, ground driving, hitching, and will have the opportunity to ride on a carriage. 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 a notebook of written/educational materials to take home. Driving safety will be a special focus in every step of this clinic.

Introduction to Combined Driving Clinic (Sunday 9am – 5pm): This is an educational one-day clinic which explains and demonstrates the sport and art of combined driving. Combined driving is a three-phase competition that consists of dressage, marathon, and cones. The clinic will consist of lectures and demonstrations for each of the phases, with plenty of opportunity for questions and answers as well as the opportunity to practice skills learned. School horses will be used. You should bring your helmet if you have one. Clinic participants will not bring their own horses. You will receive a notebook of written/educational materials to take home. Driving safety will be emphasized.

Venue: DDK Equestrian (a private equestrian facility)
12305 Ingraham Rd
Snohomish, WA 98290

Entry Form: See website for form: <https://www.einw.org/intro-to-driving-clinic.html>

Entries Open: Postmarked April 3rd. Entries accepted by postmark, or if emailed, when payment is received.

Entries Close: Postmarked May 1st -- earlier if full, check website for status. Please email entry to Registration Secretary if entering close to closed date.

Waiting List: Yes, maximum 20 entries

Clinicians: This clinic will be taught by members of the EI driving committee who have many decades' of experience in training and driving horses.

Organizers: Equestrians Institute Driving Division
Diana Axness, 425-466-4845, dianaA@einw.org

Registration Secretary: Karla Axness
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Mail or Email Entries to: Registration secretary

Entry Fee: If registering for either the Saturday OR Sunday clinic: \$120. 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). Please note, only one resource book is provided for the two participants to share.

If registering for both clinics – Saturday AND Sunday: \$200. Equestrians Institute members receive a \$40 discount (\$160 entry fee). One spouse or child may also attend for an additional \$120 (\$100 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=1&from_seller=&source=merchot) and add \$5 service fee to total. If you need assistance paying by credit card, contact Diana Axness at dianaA@einw.org or 425-466-4845.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Event Attire: Dress comfortably for the weather. Wear sturdy shoes, no sandals. Helmets are required for hands-on work with horses.
- A simple lunch of sandwiches will be provided. If you have special dietary needs, please bring your own.
- Kindly leave dogs home unless they are truly service animals. Dogs are allowed on leash, but you’re going to need your hands free for clinic participation.
- Please consider expanding your knowledge of driving by volunteering at the Equestrians Institute driving events which are listed on the EI website: <https://www.einw.org/driving.html>

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: There is no business sign at the driveway. If you use 12305**B** Ingraham Rd, Snohomish WA (note, not **A** which is the mailing address) in your GPS it will take you to the correct driveway. The driveway is gravel and has a very wide entrance from the road. Across from the driveway is a single post with two black mailboxes that have red, yellow, and white reflective stripes on the side. Drive past the yellow house (the B house) and the dark red house (the A house) and continue down the hill to the arenas and barn area. Call Diana at 425-466-4845 if you have any questions.

ENTRY CHECKLIST:

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