

Horseback Jobs in the New River Gorge

New River Trail Rides, Inc. is hiring for the upcoming season. Our season runs from mid May until mid October, and we accept job applications year round. We maintain a database of potential trail guides. Most hiring is done in the spring, but when the need arises, we hire midseason as well.

Guiding horseback tours in the New River Gorge can be the adventure of a lifetime, but it also means very long hours with few days off. The pay is by the hour. Tips can augment the income--sometimes greatly, depending upon your interpersonal skills.

Job Requirements

Interpersonal skills are essential. Above all else, our guests must have a good time. They must be treated with respect and kindness, and sometimes this can be difficult when a client is being belligerent. Many of our guests are foreigners, and we do not tolerate racism of any kind.

Horseback experience is essential; you must be able to demonstrate that you have worked with horses and have competent riding skills. Previous guiding experience is a plus, but it is not mandatory. We conduct trail rides and wagon rides using both horses and mules.

A guide must be physically fit. We have a maximum weight limit of 190 lbs. for our guests. The same applies to our staff. This job requires a lot of physical labor. Some days up to 8 hours are spent in the saddle.

All guides must arrive with valid CPR and First Aid certifications.

All guides must be at least 18 years of age.

Applying

If you wish to be considered, please complete and send us the attached application along with a resume, if you have one. Additionally, you may include anything that you think will enhance your application, such as pictures, publications, personal websites, special skills such as shoeing or leather work, etc.

Please send your application to New River Trail Rides, Inc., P.O. Box 67, Oak Hill, WV 25901, e-mail it to us at info@ridewva.com, or fax it to us at (304) 465-4809. You may visit our website at www.ridewva.com.



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Job Application

We are currently seeking qualified applicants to fill positions for this season. Please complete the following job application and submit it to us for consideration. Before you complete the form, please take a moment to review the job description.

NOTE: Our insurance will not allow us to employ people under the age of 18 to work with the horses. All applicants seeking to be a trail guide must have First Aid and CPR Certificates and preferably at least two years of experience working with horses. If you are seeking an office job, this does not apply to you. All employees must have their own transportation. If you have a resume, you may mail it to us along with this Job Application to New River Trail Rides, Inc., P.O. Box 67, Oak Hill, WV 25901, e-mail it to us at info@ridewva.com, or fax it to us at (304) 465-4809.

Position Applying For: Office Job _____ Trail Guide _____

Personal Information

Full Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Telephone Number(s):(_____) _____
(_____) _____

Email Address: _____

School Address: _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____

Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes _____ No _____

Are you eligible for employment in the U.S.? Yes _____ No _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please explain:

Current Driver's License Number: _____ State Issued: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Have you ever had a DUI? Yes _____ No _____

Is your driving record acceptable for an insurance company audit?(less than 6 points and no major convictions) Yes_____ No_____
If no, please explain:

Do you have any condition which could affect your ability to perform the duties of guiding?
Yes_____ No_____
If yes, please explain:

How did you hear about New River Trail Rides, Inc.?

Weekly Salary Expected?_____

Date you are available to start work:_____

School schedule for fall return:_____

Typical hours at the barn are NOT 9 to 5. We have several shifts beginning at 6:30 a.m. and running to 11:00 p.m. sometimes. Employees are expected to be able to cover all shifts making for long days with a lot of physical exertion. Explain how you are able to balance work and high expectations for guest interactions:

Please use the following space to list any related skills (customer service, equine, equipment operation, etc.):

Educational History

Name and Address of High School Attended:_____

Date of Completion:_____

College Attending/Attended: _____

Major: _____

GPA: _____

Please describe your educational/career goals three years from now:

Work Experience

Please list your last three places of employment, beginning with the most recent.

May we contact your previous employers? Yes _____ No _____

Position One

Employer: _____

Supervisor: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____

Address: _____

Job Title: _____

Job Description: _____

Dates of Employment: _____

Position Two

Employer: _____

Supervisor: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____

Address: _____

Job Title: _____

Job Description: _____

Dates of Employment: _____

Position Three

Employer: _____

Supervisor: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____

Address: _____

Job Title: _____

Job Description: _____

Dates of Employment: _____

Character References
(Cannot be family members)

Reference One

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Reference Two

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Reference Three

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____
