

Lorain County OHC Horse Travel Tips

Next Exit - a book that lists what fuel stations, restaurants, lodging, and other amenities that are at every exit on the interstates in the USA. It also includes most rest stops. Red print is RV accessible (amazon 2024 \$18.95)

Pee Bucket - when we load some of our horses they pee in the trailer right after we load them. We use a dirty 5 gallon bucket to collect and dump before we leave.

Jute Ties – we use a small loop of jute binder twine between the trailer hook and the trailer tie. We put none -break away halters on the horses when towing. In case of a panic or accident, the horse will break the jute and will have a halter and short lead on them to make it easier to catch them if they are loose.

Horse Tie Ring – for your horse trailer. You can purchase on Amazon for about \$17.98.

Folding Hoof Pick

Pellet Bedding - use it in the horse trailer, it doesn't blow around when the trailer windows are open

Keys – remember the keys to the horse trailer. The horses will thank you for letting them out. Consider a spare set of horse trailer keys in the vehicle.

Leveling Blocks – bring plenty to level your trailer.

Neck Collar - for your horse on the highline.

Horse Trailer Screens – if your horse trailer does not have screens, always put on a fly mask on your horses to protect their eyes.

General Trailering on a long trip – if your horse is tied on a long trailering trip, untie their head and let them drop their heads down. Don't leave them ties for more than a few hours.

Traveling out of State – when traveling out of state and need a place to camp overnight, most fairgrounds or rodeo grounds are available at no charge or some at a small charge.

GIDDYUPAWAY.COM – traveling with horses made easy. 863-593-7606 Also on Facebook.com / giddyupaway Horse Hotels

Roadmap – bring along a road map or an atlas in the event there is no cell phone service.

Trucking APP – on your phone

Battery Powered Impact – for tires and fixes

Spare Tires – truck and trailer

Spring Check List - prepare and check off

Flashlights

Level boards - to make the trailer level.

Animal Feed and Hay – be sure to carry an extra day or two of both in the event of a break down

Extra Horse Blankets

Extra Clothes

Extra Horse Shoes and Nails

Veterinarian numbers - for vets in the area you will be traveling

Horse Medical Kit – include Banamine for colic and electrolytes

Human First Aid kit – heavy duty / extra strength pain pills

Medicine / Emergency items – tourniquet to stop bleeding. butterfly bandages, vet wrap, tweezers, baby diapers, disinfectant, flares and triangles

TireMinder – tire pressure monitoring system

Binder of Campgrounds and Trail Maps – write directions to campgrounds on a large sticky note along with notes, favorite campsites, water availability, etc. You can add the sticky notes to the corresponding pages of the road atlas.

GPS – use one that allows you to input the size of the rig so you can avoid non-horse trailer friendly areas.

Wedge for a Horse Trailer Jack – we carry a wood wedge in our horse trailer in the event we have a flat. Place the wedge under the tire and back the trailer onto the wedge to lift it up enough to change the tire. We have used this in place of a tire jack. We were able to change a flat tire without removing the horses from the trailer. Our wedge is actually a leftover piece of log from our log home.

Double check everything – walk around the truck and trailer and double check everything (hookup, tires, doors, windows, chains, etc.). Don't assume whoever you are with checked everything.

Public Horse Watering – do not let your horse drink from public horse watering areas. It is one of the easiest way for horses to catch disease and illness from other horses.