

# Cornell Cooperative Extension

## Ulster County

### Guidelines for Attendees of “Owning Donkeys” class July 14, 2018

Attendees of this class and visitors to Donkey Park must read and adhere to the following:

**What to wear** The main requirement for working with the donkeys is to be wearing shoes or boots which are closed and well-constructed. It is rare to be stepped on, but it does occasionally happen by accident.

Open-toed shoes or sandals are not appropriate. While Donkey Park is normally kept very clean for visitors, donkeys can defecate at any time and/or you can encounter mud during wet weather, so you might also want to consider wearing footwear that can get dirty. Also, be aware that donkeys love to roll in the dust (a dusty donkey is a healthy donkey) and some of that dust will invariably transfer to your clothing.

**Can Children Attend?** The donkeys are very good with children and children are welcome to attend, however, they must be supervised and of sufficient age and behavior to not be disruptive and to follow the rules (no running or feeding the donkeys) for the 5-hour duration of this class. This class can be a great family event.

**Facilities** Private bathroom facilities which are wheelchair accessible are available.

**Refreshment** Bottled water will be provided at no cost. Participants may also choose to bring their own refreshments.

**Note:** Please do not bring food for the donkeys– it's important for their training that they associate visitors with affection rather than food.

**Inclement Weather** Donkey Park does not have indoor facilities large enough to conduct the hands-on portions of this class. In the case of sporadic and light rain, the class will be held and we will work around the rain. If rain is expected to be heavy and/or constant, the class will be postponed to the rain date at the same time.

For more information on Donkey Park or the information above, contact Steve Stiert at [steve@donkeypark.us](mailto:steve@donkeypark.us) or by phone at 845-389-9159.

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