



Endurance Trail – Endurance riding is a controlled, long distance race. There are checkpoints along the way to check the horses condition and ability to go on but primarily, the first to finish wins.

Competitive trail – A trail ride of 15 to 40 miles in a day that is judged through obstacles along the trail, physical condition at veterinary check points, and general behavior and horsemanship.

Judged trail ride – Horses are judged while going through obstacles on a short natural trail.

Extreme trail – A course of simulated natural obstacles like bridges, water, mud, rocks, and logs, set up in a smaller area like an arena or field to show how swiftly and willingly you can ride through them. It is judged on speed and level of horsemanship.

Horse show trail – A competitive class at horse shows where exhibitors navigate a series of obstacles in an arena showing agility and manners. Horses are usually asked to walk, jog and lope over poles, maneuver forward, backward, and turn in tight spaces, and negotiate simulated gates and bridges. It is judged on cleanness and way of going while making slow and steady progress.

