HANMER SPRINGS HORSE RIDERS INC.

TREK TRAINING WEEKEND

SATURDAY 10 & SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER 2026

HANMER SPRINGS

Gain essential knowledge and skills with your horse for high country trekking

https://hanmerspringshorseriders.org.nz

HORSES MUST BE FULLY SHOD TO ATTEND – All four hooves with either glue on or nail on shoes

Removable hoof boots not accepted

HSHR TREK TRAINING WEEKEND - Programme
10 & 11 OCTOBER 2026

$200 HSHR Members
$250 Non Members (membership included)

Trail Boss: John Burrill assisted by Lee Thornton, Mary Holloway, Donna and Lloyd Worthington

The trek training weekend is designed to support you to become more acquainted with St James and high country trekking so you can develop the confidence to set out on your own. Limited numbers – 11 bunks available at the St. James Base – first in first served. There is camping space also. Not suitable for green horses.

Lace up boots or shoes with heel and tread. No elastic slip ons - as there is some steep downhill walking involved AND CONVENTIONAL RIDING BOOTS ARE TOTALLY UNSUITABLE FOR THE TERRAIN. DO NOT BRING.

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SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER 2026

8.30am – Meet	Float horses and meet at the end of Jack Pass Road – grass area opposite the camp
8.45am	Footwear / horse shoes inspection
Ride out by 9am	Road/Rogerson track junction (large grass area on the left) for sign in/info and then onto the Skills Park
12pm	Float horses to the Hanmer River/River Road area – have BYO lunch there
Ride out 1.30pm	Trek training up the river bed and over scrub/trails.
	Demonstration on how to pack a horse/pack horse.
4.30pm	Float horses to St James Homestead. Horses will stay in the public paddocks. Accommodation will be at the DOC Base Hut. The hut is off-grid. Generator and microwave available.

Shared potluck dinner – BBQ and microwave will be available.
Learn some basic essential knots.

SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER 2026

8.30am	Cooked breakfast will be provided
9.45am	Equipment/hoof inspection
Ride out by 10.00am	Ride the Peter Pass Loop (BYO lunch)

Debrief of weekend and compare notes and answer questions on first aid. The ride will finish in the early afternoon to give you time to get home.

Note that there may be changes to the programme.

Gear

The following is required/recommended:

- Your normal riding gear including a breastplate for hill work
- Your own horse
- Riding helmet – required
- Halter and long lead
- Hay and a water bucket
- Bucket and sponge for washing your horse
- Sleeping bag and pillow if you are staying at the base.
- A Potluck Dish
- Plates for dinner and breakfast and utensils (paper plates will do)
- Lunch for Saturday and Sunday, and snacks
- Lace up boots or shoes with heel. No elastic slip ons - as there is some steep downhill walking involved. CONVENTIONAL RIDING BOOTS ARE TOTALLY UNSUITABLE FOR THE TERRAIN. DO NOT BRING.
- Warm clothing, wet weather gear (waterproof jacket and pants) - the weather can change quickly in the St James
- Water bottle, sunscreen, hat, insect repellent
- Your own personal kit
- Torch / headlamp

Organisers will be carrying first aid kits for people and horses as well as emergency locator beacons. If you have a first aid kit, please bring it along.

If you have saddle bags, bring them along too as we will be doing some work on desensitising our horses to them. There will be spares being brought by organisers if you don't have any and want to try them out.

As there will be river crossings, riverbed, gravel and some steep climbs, all horses must be fully shod - all four hooves with either glue on or nail on shoes. Removable hoof boots not accepted.

If you have any queries or questions, contact John on 0274 940 021 or Lee on 0274 474 517 - we are happy to provide additional information.

We are looking forward to a great weekend.

If you are going to arrive Friday you can stay up at the St James Homestead in your float or tent as there are horse paddocks there (free), or the Sherwood Ranch camping paddock will be available. Stay in float with horses in the paddock (toilet cubicle in paddock).

$30 per horse/rider combination.

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REGISTRATION FORM

HORSES MUST BE FULLY SHOD - All four hooves with either glue on or nail on shoes. Removable hoof boots not accepted

Please complete one form per person.

Name:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Address:	
Any medical condition we need to be aware of:	
Emergency Contact: Must be someone not on the trek	
Relationship:	
Phone:	

Trail Boss reserves the right to exclude horse or rider combination from Hanmer river ride or St James ride on non-compliance or safety grounds.

Cost:

Trek Training Weekend	$200 for HSHR Members $250 for Non Members (HSHR membership included)

Please deposit your total amount to Hanmer Springs Horse Riders bank account number 03-1582-0092527-000 – Reference with your name and TT 26.

Please send your proof of payment (e.g. screen shot) ,this registration form and the signed Terms and Conditions to hanmerhorse@gmail.com

For any questions you can phone either

Lee Thornton on 0274 474 517 or John Burrill on 0274 940 021

As a condition of participation, you are required to read and sign the bottom of this page.

Terms & Conditions

General

I acknowledge that I have sole responsibility for my horse and gear during the period of the event. There will be NO pre-ride gear check. I will be required to have suitable clothing, saddlery and personal requirements for the weekend.

I accept that no dogs, littering or firearms on the rides are permitted.

I will follow the instructions of the organisers and the Trail Boss and wranglers.

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involved AND CONVENTIONAL RIDING BOOTS ARE TOTALLY UNSUITABLE FOR THE TERRAIN. DO NOT BRING.

Fitness

I accept that I need a moderate level of fitness for myself and my horse. HORSES MUST **BE FULLY SHOD - All four hooves with either a glue on or nail on shoes. Removable hoof boots not accepted.**

Personal Safety and Liability

Whilst the organisers take all reasonable care and provide a health and safety briefing and training, I understand that participation in this event involves risk. I accept all risks personally and release the organisers and other persons involved in the weekend from any liability, claims, losses, damages or expenses caused by the event including, but not limited to, any personal injury or death, any emotional or nervous disorder, any medical condition or suffering, any property loss or damage.

Medical & Veterinary Treatment

I consent to receive medical treatment for myself and my horse in the case of injury, illness or suffering during the event and agree to indemnify the organisers from any liability or claims in the respect of that treatment. I am aware that veterinary care may not be immediate when in the St James Conservation Area.

Cancellation

The organizers reserve the right to cancel the trek because of adverse conditions or any other unforeseen events or circumstances. Participants will be refunded if there is cancellation by the organizers. Cancellation on your part will be refunded minus $10 admin fee prior to 4 October. After this date money will be forfeited unless we can fill your spot from a waiting list.

I have read the above terms and conditions and agree to be bound by them

Name _____

Signed _____

Date _____

HANMER SPRINGS HORSE RIDERS INC.

Membership Form

Membership year runs from 1 August 2026 – 30 July 2027

On completion, please return to: **hanmerhorse@gmail.com**

First Name:				
Last Name:				
Membership type:	Individual $50 per year		Family $80 per year	
Additional family members:				
Relationship to you:				
Street Address:				
City/Town:		Postcode:		
Email:				
Phone Number:				
Date:				

An individual membership is $50 per year and a family membership is $80.

Please pay to: Hanmer Springs Horse Riders Incorporated 03-1582-0092527-000
Under particulars, please put Membership; under reference your family name.

By completing this form, you consent to becoming a member of HSHR Incorporated. Thank you for joining us.

Your membership supports the creation of new tracks, maintenance of existing tracks, signage on tracks and trails, maintenance of Stanleyvale Hut in St James Conservation Area, fence repair at various paddocks, and much more.

Membership gives you the access code to any HSHR lockup and a current year HSHR carabiner. Please have your HSHR carabiner with you when using HSHR facilities.

You are also entitled to vote at our AGM.