
Is there western riding in kent?

Posted by Sarah1989 - 2008/02/29 13:17

Hi, I am looking to learn western riding, I already have a tiny bit of experience western and plenty english. Unfortunately I cannot travel far and am looking for training in the Maidstone area. I am not fussy if its professional lessons or private and am willing to chip in with costs and the mucky work if someone is experienced in western riding and doesn't mind taking me on. I don't have my own horse (yet) but am looking to loan one soon. I have western tack on order (being hopeful!)

Please can anyone help? Sarah
Contact me on sarah@tridenttrailers.com
or leave a feed! Thanks. x

Re:Is there western riding in kent?

Posted by boova - 2008/02/29 13:29

Hi
I live in Ashford and have lessons at a ranch in Dartford, Bar S - 01474 707 330.
Ask for Stuart or Lesley and tell them that Kelley & Craig recommended.
If you would like to know more email me kelley.boother@sbjuk.com

Kelley

Re:Is there western riding in kent?

Posted by Sarah1989 - 2008/02/29 14:42

Hi, I appreciate your input however I cannot drive and would have problems getting to Dartford. I don't suppose you know of anywhere else maybe?

Re:Is there western riding in kent?

Posted by boova - 2008/02/29 14:48

I know that there is someone around Maidstone area but I don't think they teach on their own horses for insurance reasons.

If you wanted to go to Bar S then hubby and I go on a Sunday and now the weather is better we will hopefully go at least twice a month. You are more than welcome to jump in with us.

Not sure how it would work as there are only 2 instructors but some of the time it is just practice riding and you won't be with an instructor anyway.

Re:Is there western riding in kent?

Posted by Sarah1989 - 2008/02/29 14:54

How much does the lesson cost and what is involved, and yes I would be very appreciative if you could give me a lift!

Re:Is there western riding in kent?

Posted by boova - 2008/02/29 15:14

Lessons are £30 an hour (but they always run well over an hour and they don't charge you any more)

The first lesson involves the basics such as roll backs, turns, backing up, barrells, gates etc.

Bar S is actually a working cattle ranch and Stuart founded the BRCA. There is an article on this site about it link: http://www.thewesternshop.com/component/option,com_bookmarks/Itemid,394/task,detail/id,23/

Shame you can't drive as I have just bought a 4 yr old Appaloosa that I will be sending away to have western trained and it would have been good to have ridden together.

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Re:Is there western riding in kent?

Posted by Sarah1989 - 2008/02/29 15:33

It is something I am looking in to, however lack of funds is a minor setback!!!

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Re:Is there western riding in kent?

Posted by qhrider - 2008/02/29 15:49

just was wondering how you managed to order some western tack without a horse? Western saddles need to be fitted same as English saddles. My three horses range from extra wide, medium and semi qh bars and yet look the same standing next to each other!

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Re:Is there western riding in kent?

Posted by Sarah1989 - 2008/02/29 15:59

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Re:Is there western riding in kent?

Posted by BLACKJACK - 2008/02/29 16:27

I go to a lady called sue woods of animal promotions, she is based near seal, tumbridge wells way. She has backed my qh x tb and will continue his education in autumn.

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Re:Is there western riding in kent?

Posted by Sarah1989 - 2008/02/29 16:39

Hi, blackjack, can you give me her contact details? And does she do lessons on her own horses?
Thanks

Re:Is there western riding in kent?

Posted by BLACKJACK - 2008/02/29 16:44

her web page is www.animalpromotions.co.uk yes she gives lessons on her own horses.

Tel her

Michael with Monty and Abraham recomended her

lesson price around the £30 mark

Post edited by: BLACKJACK, at: 2008/02/29 16:46

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Re:Is there western riding in kent?

Posted by rosie - 2008/02/29 20:06

:laugh: hi sarah, someone else in kent/sussex borders is susie anderson at mayfield. she has qhs who are available for lessons and the nearest station is wadhurst. her website is www.ridewestern.co.uk and phone number 07714706092.. she is very good and has taught my daughter and me since 2001. she is involved with british reining and UKCC the new coaching certificate which is coming out, so comes highly recommended.:cheer: good luck and i hope you enjoy western, we do:woohoo:

rosie

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Re:Is there western riding in kent?

Posted by Sarah1989 - 2008/03/04 12:57

Thanks rosie, i think she may be the best option... do you have details on prices?

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Re:Is there western riding in kent?

Posted by rosie - 2008/03/04 17:09

B) hi sarah, details of susie's prices are on her website. i would recommend you ring her so you can let her know your riding experience etc. looking forward to seeing you at mayfield one day. i am usually around most weekends with my daughter, carrie.

rosie

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Re:Is there western riding in kent?

Posted by Calamity - 2008/03/04 17:24

Hi, I'm sorry but I just have to comment on this tack set for £50 off ebay. Please don't ever use it on a horse without having it checked over by a professional. I saw one of these saddles once and they were so badly put together i for one wouldn't want to have my life maybe depending on it, let alone the health of my horse's back. It had also been put together with tacks and some of the sharp bits were coming through the 'fleece' underneath. When you think a decent headstall and reins could cost £50, and a good used saddle at least £500, a new one around £1000 upwards, then whatever you got for £50 is just for show, not for use.

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Re:Is there western riding in kent?

Posted by Sarah1989 - 2008/03/05 08:23

Hi Calamity

Yes I was very cautious but the saddle is an old working saddle previously worn by one of her horses who has sadly become un-rideable. The reason it was a knock down price is due to the condition, it has tatters and tears and is a very old style, however this is a perfect prop for me as it has the look of an authentic 1876 saddle. If i were to ever use it I would make sure I had it fully checkd. Its good to know that people are aware of the fact that you cant put any old saddle on any old horse and why as just like you I have seen what an ill fitting saddle can do to a horse!

Sarah

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