

# BARN MUSEUM

## DRESS CODE

For their own protection, trail riders must wear long pants and sturdy shoes (no sandals or clogs) while on horseback. Certified helmets are required and will be provided by the Stables.

## BOARDING

Overnight guests at the Mountain House are welcome to bring their own horses to ride on Mohonk's trails. Boarding reservations must be made well in advance, as stalls are not always available. Horse boarding for overnight guests is \$40 per night per horse. Contact the Mohonk Stables at 845.255.1000, extension 2446 to reserve a stall. Boarding fees include hay, grain, water, bedding, stall cleaning, and storage space for tack and vehicles. Current health records are required for all boarders. Please note that riding helmets must be worn on all trails at Mohonk.

## STABLES STAFF

Nikki Thompson, Stables manager, began owning and riding horses when she was just six years old. She joined the Mohonk Stables staff in 1984. Nikki and her staff of trail guides and carriage drivers are very knowledgeable about Mohonk's history and natural environment. The stories and information they share with guests make trail and carriage rides even more enjoyable.

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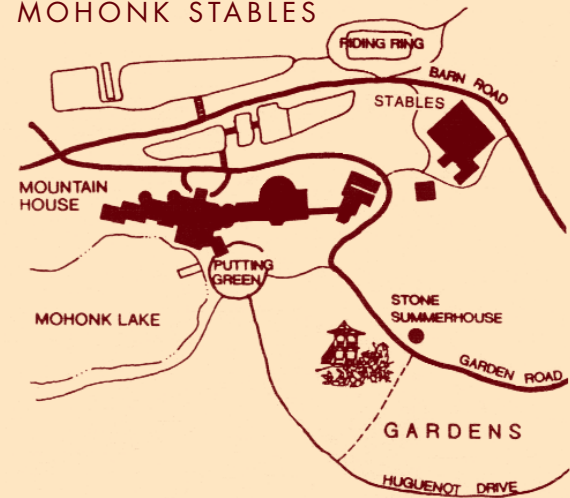
Mohonk's historic Stables building also houses our newly-enhanced Mohonk Barn Museum, offering guests a glimpse into more than a century of life and enterprise at Mohonk. Its extensive collection of antique objects and artifacts includes horse-drawn carriages and sleighs formerly driven on the trails at Mohonk. Many museum pieces date from Mohonk's earliest years and are still in working order, testimony to the fine craftsmanship of an earlier era. Regular tours of the Barn Museum lend a greater understanding of Mohonk's rich history. Artisans at the Barn Museum offer seasonal craft demonstrations illustrating time-honored techniques. Museum hours, as well as times for craft demonstrations and tours, are posted on the Mountain House bulletin board and are included in the Daily Activities Schedule.



## STABLES HOURS

The Mohonk Stables operate from April through November each year. They are open generally from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., with extended hours for holidays. Reservations for trail and carriage rides, as well as for day or overnight horse boarding, must be made in advance and are subject to availability. For information about hours, rates, availability, or other questions, call the Stables at 845.255.1000, extension 2446, or contact stables@mohonk.com via e-mail. Cancellations less than two hours prior to a scheduled appointment will be charged in full.

## MOHONK STABLES



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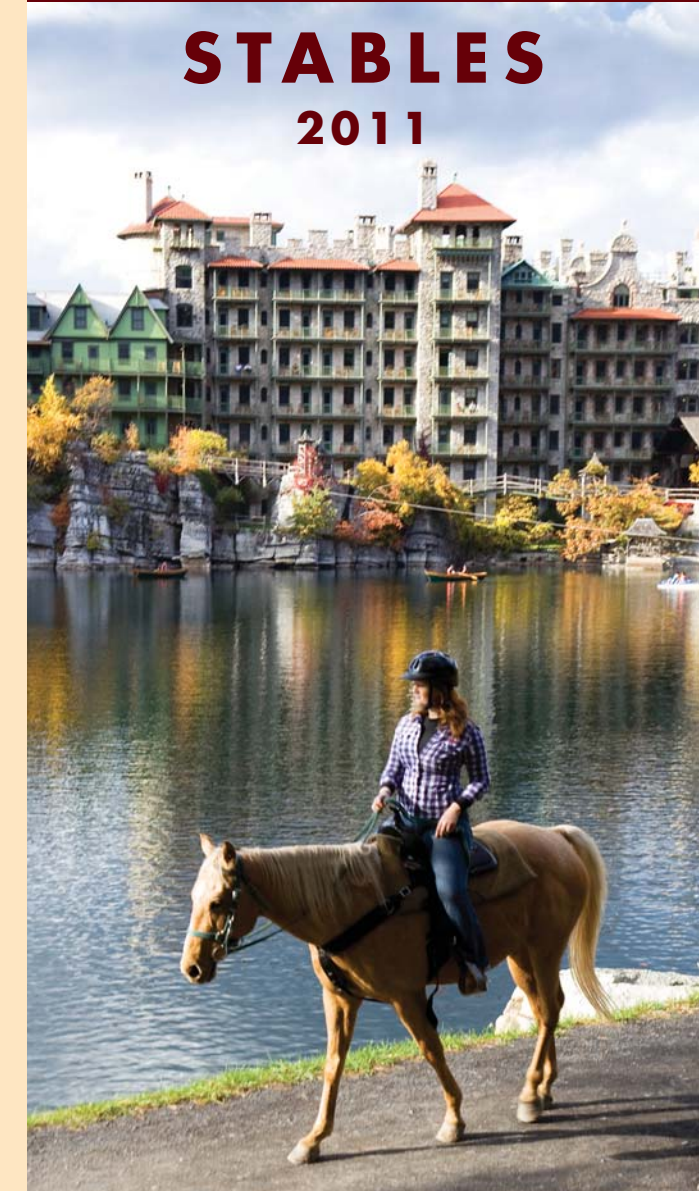
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**The Mohonk Stables house about 10 saddle horses for hire and two teams of draft animals to pull carriages. The Stables open in April and close in late November, depending on weather.**

### CARRIAGE RIDES

There is no better way to tour Mohonk's grounds than in an old-fashioned horse-drawn (or mule-drawn!) carriage. Carriage rides last approximately one hour and follow several routes surrounding the Mountain House. We also offer a 90-minute ride to Sky Top Tower, which affords a panoramic view of the surrounding countryside. Reservations for all carriage rides are required and may be made before arrival, if desired. Reservations are accepted up to 30 days in advance. **Carriage rides are \$26 per person for an hour ride, and \$39 for the Sky Top Tower ride**, subject to availability. Please call the Stables for reservations.

Private carriage rides can be arranged by Stables staff, subject to availability. Please contact the Stables directly to inquire about availability and rates. Picnic rides may also be booked throughout the summer season. Please call the Stables to make reservations at least 36 hours in advance.

### TRAIL RIDES

From April through November, we offer western-style trail riding on Mohonk's scenic carriage roads. All rides are led by experienced trail guides from the Mohonk Stables staff and last about one hour.

Beginner rides only are available, and some restrictions apply. **Riders must be at least six years of age; maximum weight is 220 pounds.** Lessons are not mandatory for beginners, but since safety is our greatest concern, we do reserve the right to assess each rider's ability and assign rides accordingly. All riders must sign a liability release form and be fitted with a certified riding helmet before mounting. Reservations are required and may be made before arrival, if desired. **Trail rides are \$38 per person per ride. Private riding lessons are available for \$40 for a half-hour, and \$80 for an hour.** Please contact the Stables for reservations.

**THE STABLES PHONE NUMBER IS 845.255.1000, extension 2446.**

### PONY RIDES

Many children experience their first horseback ride at Mohonk, ambling around the Mohonk Stables yard on our pony. Pony rides are regularly scheduled for overnight guests participating in the Mohonk Children's Program. Additional rides may be arranged for a fee of \$12, based on availability. Contact the Stables for the current pony ride schedule or to inquire about additional rides. Weight and height restrictions apply; please call the Stables for details.

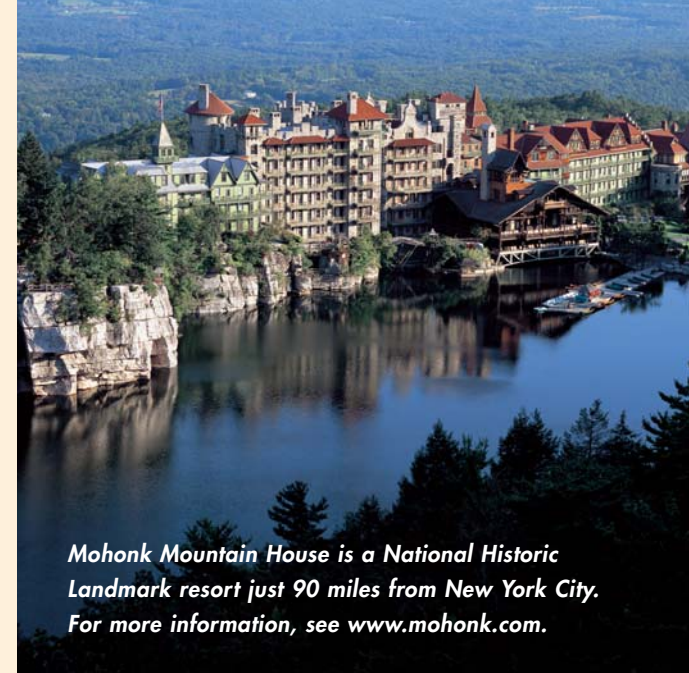
### MEAL GUESTS OR DAY VISITORS

Guests visiting Mohonk for dining or day hiking may book a trail ride at the Mohonk Stables. Reservations for trail rides must be made in advance and are subject to availability. Trail rides are \$38 per person per ride. Private riding lessons are also available, for \$40 for a half-hour and \$80 for an hour. Contact the Stables up to seven days in advance to inquire about availability.

Day visitors or meal guests may also bring their own horses onto the property for a stall fee of \$40 per night per horse, or \$25 per horse for 3 hours during the day, subject to availability. Advance reservations, riding helmets, and current health records for all horses are required. Contact the Stables for availability and parking information, at 845.255.1000, extension 2446.

### MIDWEEK RIDING/LUNCH PACKAGES

Day guests can enjoy our new Carriage/Lunch and Riding/Lunch packages, featuring a 50-minute carriage or trail ride, and lunch in our Carriage Lounge—including an entrée, dessert, and a non-alcoholic beverage. The Carriage/Lunch package is \$51, and the Trail Ride/Lunch package is \$63. Please call our Stables at 845.255.1000, xt. 2446 for reservations, which are subject to availability.



*Mohonk Mountain House is a National Historic Landmark resort just 90 miles from New York City. For more information, see [www.mohonk.com](http://www.mohonk.com).*

### HISTORY OF THE STABLES

Horses have been an integral part of life at Mohonk since the resort's beginnings in 1869. During Mohonk's early years, horses were the sole means of transporting guests, baggage, and freight to the Mountain House. Visitors arrived in their own horse-drawn buggies or were picked up at train stations by Mohonk carriages. As automobiles became more commonly used, resort guests were required to leave their cars at garages near the Gatehouse and were driven to the Mountain House in carriages. This practice continued until 1933.

The current Stables building was erected in 1888, and is one of the largest barns in the northeastern U.S. The stables accommodated 120 horses, storage for wagons, harnesses, and other equipment, and provided living quarters for the stables staff.

The fine network of carriage roads throughout the resort property permitted guests unparalleled views of Mohonk's scenic wonders. Visitors enjoyed touring the grounds both in carriages and on horseback. Today, Mohonk horses serve recreational purposes only. In winter, the horses are turned out on a 30-acre pasture at Chapel Farm, free to enjoy a season of rest and relaxation.