

Horseback riding with Walk on Water is very unique!

Walk on Water is a horse rescue mission!

At Walk on Water we learned to do many things. We learned to take care of horses! We fed them grain and apples and washed them! We also curried them. A curry is a flat brush with rigid bristles (usually plastic) and a handle. You use a curry to brush a horse! To wash a horse you hose them down and brush them with a larger soft-bristled brush. Then you dry them and put them in the pasture or the stalls.

We also learned to take care of equipment! We took care of tack (saddles, blankets, reins, and bridles). To take care of tack: first, hang up the bridle and reins. Then, you wash the bit (the part on the reins that goes in a horse's mouth). Next, you hang up the saddle. Last, you hang up the blanket.

Riding is also fun! First, you prepare to ride by picking up rocks and saddling the horse. To saddle a horse, you first put on the bridle and put the bit in the horse's mouth. Then, you attach the reins to the bit and bridle. Last you **PUT THE BLANKET ON THE HORSE HIGH ON IT'S NECK AND SLIDE IT DOWN** (This keeps the horse's hair from being bent backwards) and then the saddle! You pick up rocks because rocks might hurt the horses' feet! Then, you are ready to ride! There are 4 basic horse gaits. The slowest and easiest is the walk. Then, there is the trot, it is a little faster and much more bumpy. The canter is faster and less bumpy than the trot. The fastest and bumpiest of all is the gallop! You actually have to bounce in the saddle along with the horse!

Then comes the dismount! First, you carefully get off the horse (someone holds the lead for beginners). Then, you take care of the horse by removing the equipment and washing and currying it (the horse). Last, you take care of the equipment as described in paragraph 2.

Different horse-related professions are: veterinarian, farrier, blacksmith, hay deliverer, feed store employee, and leatherworker.

Miss Patti taught us many things. She taught us to care for and ride horses! We were in very nice Christian environment. She has a great horse rescue mission, she loves horses, and taught us to love horses! She is so awesome!!! Miss Patti's whole family is involved and they are all lifelong friends of our family.

My favorite horse is named Emma. I have a stick horse named after her, and I loved her. She was the first horse I ever met! She was the one that I first rode when I was learning!

Horse riding and care is great fun!!