

# Grand Paradise Ranch

## SHOPPING GUIDE

### **RIDING BOOTS** (*REQUIRED for all lessons*)

When selecting a pair of boots, you will want a pair that will keep your feet comfortable and safe while you are at the barn. Though leather is the most popular material for riding boots, they can also come in rubber and synthetic materials. Short (paddock boots), tall (field or dressage boots) and western (cowboy boots) are all good options for riding. Paddock boots are often the favorite choice among new riders as they are easy to put on and only go slightly above your ankle.

Beginner boot recommendation: [Saxon Paddock Boots](#)



### **RIDING BREECHES/RIDING TIGHTS /JEANS** (*REQUIRED for all lessons*)

Breeches are designed to fit snugly and not rub when riding. Horse riding breeches are designed to stretch to allow for more freedom of movement. This allows riders to sit and ride more comfortably. Riding tights are great for the summer as they are made of lightweight fabric. Jeans can also be worn for western riding. Athletic leggings are also acceptable for beginners.

Starter Breeches recommendation: [Saxon Schooling Breeches](#)



### **HELMET** (*REQUIRED for all lessons*)

Horseback riding helmets are essential for all riders. Bike helmets are not acceptable as they do not offer the same protection as an equestrian riding helmet. For young riders, helmets with a dial fit are a great option as they are adjustable for growth.

Schooling helmet recommendation: [Ovation](#)



### **EARBUDS** (*REQUIRED for all lessons*)

Communication is key between horse and rider... and rider and trainer! GPR uses a training headset during lessons. We ask each rider to bring their own earbuds (with 3.5 mm Headphone Plug) to each lesson.



### **RIDING CROP/WHIP**

The riding crop is a short whip used on the shoulder of the horse. The dressage whip is a long whip mostly used on the flank.

Riding crop recommendation: [Dover Saddlery](#)

Dressage whip recommendation: [Dover Saddlery](#)



### **RIDING GLOVES** (*Recommended for lessons*)

Riding gloves protect your hands from getting blistered and chaffed when handling reins.

Glove recommendation: [SSG All Weather Gloves](#)



### **FLY SPRAY** *(Recommended for lessons)*

Where there are horses, there are flies! Fly spray is applied before every ride to keep your horse comfortable and protected from bites, stings, etc.

Recommended fly spray: [Pyranha Aerosol](#)  
[Endure Aerosol](#)



### **GROOMING KIT** *(Recommended for lessons)*

Grooming is a vital horsekeeping task; and done before and after every ride. Look for a kit that contains: face brush, curry, sweat scraper, hoof pick, mane and tail brush, comb and dandy brush.

Recommended grooming kit: [Weaver](#)



### **COOLING TOWEL**

Looking for a way to help stay cool at the barn or while at shows, these cooling towels work great! You can add a few drops of peppermint oil or peppermint extract to a small bucket of water, soak the towel, wring it out and then place it on the back of your neck. It feels cold and wonderful!

Cooling towel recommendation: [iCool Towel](#)



### **HORSE BOOTS**

Horse boots are a great way to protect the horse's legs. Boots generally come in two designs. One is more of an all-purpose boot, where additional padding is provided inside the fetlock. The other wraps around the back of the joint and leaves the front of the boot open.

Recommended boots: [Brushing boots](#)



### **HALF CHAPS**

Half Chaps help to prevent rubbing and chafing caused by stirrup leathers and riding pant legs that could otherwise twist, wrinkle, rub or rise up. When paired with paddock boots, half chaps offer the functionality of tall boots. Half chaps can be purchased in suede, smooth leather or synthetic suede/leather fabrics. Breathable mesh half chaps are also available. Some students prefer to wear tall socks instead of half chaps.

Recommended kids half chaps: [Saxon](#)  
[Dublin](#)

Recommended adult half chaps: [Saxon](#)



## SADDLE PADS

A saddle pad protects your horse's back from friction that could be caused by a saddle rubbing directly on your horse's hair and skin. It also helps to protect the saddle by absorbing some of your horse's sweat. The type of saddle pad you choose depends on your riding discipline.



[Dressage Saddle Pads](#)



[Jumping Saddle Pads](#)



[Pony Saddle Pads](#)



[Western Saddle Pads](#)

## HALF PADS

Half pads are used to add additional cushioning between your saddle and your horse's back and some can even be adjusted to improve minor saddle fit issues.

Recommended half pad: [Weatherbeeta](#)



## ONLINE SHOPPING RESOURCES

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[www.bigdweb.com](http://www.bigdweb.com)  
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