

Did you know that Maryland is home to over 700 licensed stables? Many of those offer riding lessons to everyone from beginners to advanced riders. From pleasure riding to the competition ring, Maryland lesson barns have a lot to offer! But how do you know which barn is the right fit for you? Take a look at these tips on finding a suitable lesson barn and read *The Equiery's* full "Learn the Ride" guide at <https://equiery.com/the-equierys-learn-to-ride-guide/>

1. Stables licensed through the Maryland Horse Industry Board (Maryland Department of Agriculture) are inspected annually to ensure that the horse care and riding equipment meet certain minimum standards. MHIB licensing does not ensure the quality of instruction.
2. Maryland does not require instructors to be certified or licensed, however there are many national and international programs that offer teaching certifications. In addition, many colleges offer equine studies degrees which include certification programs or their equivalent. Please note, there are many outstanding instructors who hold no certification whatsoever.
3. One of the best ways to learn more about an instructor before signing up for a lesson program is to watch them teach a few lessons and use your own judgment.
4. Ask yourself the following questions to help narrow down your lesson stable search:
 - a. Are you looking for a stable that caters strictly to adults? Strictly children? Or a mix of both?
 - b. Do you know if you want to ride English or Western?
 - c. Do you want, generally, to ride for pleasure or do you have the goal of competing?
5. After calling a few lesson stables in your area to see if they may be the right fit, visit them in person and meet their staff, instructors, horses, etc. Be sure to call ahead to find out if there are specific times to visit. Some stables offer open houses and introductory lessons.

Below is a list of Maryland's licensed lesson stables with Horse Discovery Centers highlighted in **red**. For more information about stables list in **bold**, please see their ads in this issue of *The Equiery*. For Therapeutic Riding Centers and Horse Rescues, please visit equiery.com.

Is your barn not on this list? Call 1-800-244-9580 to be added to *The Equiery's* Lesson and Boarding Stables online directory and check your license status with the Maryland Horse Industry Board at <https://portal.mda.maryland.gov/> License renewals are due by June 30!

ALLEGANY		Tag Along (Davidsonville).....410-798-6660	Top Bar Ranch (Monkton).....410-329-6590
Mexico Farms EC (Cumberland).....240-520-1808		The Riehl Farm (Pasadena).....443-324-1844	Tranquility Manor (Monkton).....410-666-2518
Spring Gap (Cumberland).....301-876-0596		Trevi Manor, LLC (Lothian).....703-801-7982	Urban Ridge (Owings Mills).....410-456-4291
ANNE ARUNDEL		Turn Around F. (Davidsonville).....410-570-0072	Whispering Meadows (Parkton).....443-324-6315
A & A Stables (Harwood).....410-940-9008		Willow Glenn F. (Davidsonville).....410-798-1635	Woodbrook F. (Monkton).....443-834-9321
Bay View F (Lothian).....410-923-2809		YMCA Camp Letts E.C. (Edgewater) ...410-919-1410	
Baywood F (Harwood).....410-867-7923		BALTIMORE	
Beech Grove (Gambrills).....410-320-3330		Amazing Grace EC (Parkton).....443-528-7521	Calvert Equestrian, LLC (St. Leonard) 301-502-8312
Bit of Faith Farm (Edgewater).....443-221-0213		AOPF Stables, LLC (Upperco).....678-899-3401	Canaan F. (Huntingtown).....410-257-0706
Bridle Path Equest. (Annapolis).....443-254-1876		Boxwood F. (Monkton).....410-472-9851	Country Haven S. (St. Leonard).....434-404-7202
Casa De Campo S. (Davidsonville).....301-275-4121		Camelot F. Inc. (Monkton).....410-908-0083	Cypress Stables (Prince Frederick).....443-624-2368
Clarity Riding (Davidsonville).....410-279-4677		City Ranch Inc (Windsor Mill).....410-456-2195	Double J Stables (Owings).....301-855-7080
Cowgirl Up Pony Parties (Annapolis).....443-871-3025		Dream Catch Equine (White Hall).....443-255-0685	High Tail-It (Lusby).....301-904-3386
De Novo Farm (Gambrills).....443-584-3737		Ev'ry Last Scent Farm (White Hall).....410-215-8721	Lucky Cricket (Huntingtown).....410-610-4849
Dovecott Equestrian (Davidsonville).....443-336-7662		Featherdown (Sparks).....410-472-4390	Patuxent Run (Prince Frederick).....410-610-6378
Dun-Pikin (Pasadena).....410-255-3918		GaitAway S. (Randallstown).....410-655-3161	Riverview Stables (Prince Frederick).....443-624-8087
En-Tice-Ment S. (Harwood).....410-798-4980		Garrison Forest School (Owings Mills) 410-559-3450	Rose Farm H.C. (St. Leonard).....410-586-1617
Exalt F. (Harwood).....410-867-3310		GoldenRay F. (White Hall).....410-357-9158	Stillwater F. (Huntingtown).....443-975-6624
Fence Post F. (Pasadena).....410-530-3654		Good to Go Farm (Upperco).....443-744-8502	Thistle Dew Dressage (Huntingtown)410-474-9469
Flickeridge (Lothian).....443-744-4147		Graham E.C. (Glen Arm).....410-663-4445	Tynewydd Riding Club (St. Leonard) 410-610-4340
Gladwell Farm (Dunkirk).....443-871-9426		Harvest Moon Stables (Reisterstown)760-540-9304	
Heritage (Harwood).....410-867-4077		Hawks Hollow (Kingsville).....443-414-8199	CAROLINE
Hidden View (Crownsville).....410-507-5598		Hopeful Manor Farm (Joppa).....443-807-3576	Campbell's Lane Farm (Preston).....410-310-8033
High Tide Farm (Pasadena).....410-320-3091		J-Mar S. (Monkton).....410-472-4475	Idylwild (Federalsburg).....410-754-9141
Holiday S. (Harwood).....443-336-5574		Marlan F. (Freeland).....410-357-4907	Timber Grove (Preston).....443-786-1359
Hunter Ridge (Davidsonville).....301-802-1652		Mint Meadows (Parkton).....443-616-8237	
Kilmarnock Farm (Millersville).....410-336-1216		Mooreland Farm (Reisterstown).....484-356-4981	CARROLL
Morningside/Andover E.C. (Linthicum Heights)410-508-8813		Patapsco H.C. (Catonsville).....410-988-5608	5 & Dime Show S. (Sykesville).....443-455-0318
Morningside/Andy Smith EC (Annapolis) 410-508-8813		Pleasant Valley (Glen Arm).....410-882-0388	Aspiring Heights (Westminster) ..410-848-1431
Nicker's Retreat (Pasadena).....443-618-0818		Rump Shaker Farm (Middle River).....443-324-5256	Birds' Nest Ranch (Taneytown).....443-615-0404
Oak Crest (Harwood).....410-867-1788		St. Timothy's School (Stevenson).....410-486-5483	Circle E Farm (Sykesville).....410-596-1029
Oakland Ridge F. (Harwood).....410-867-6646		The Stables (Monkton).....540-270-3111	Coexist Stables (Mt. Airy).....240-440-9627
Plum Creek (Crownsville).....443-223-8491		Thornridge Manor (Glen Arm).....410-592-9594	Country Hill (Westminster).....410-876-2950
			Dream Bigger E. (Woodbine).....410-596-5297
			Full Moon (Finksburg).....410-795-8371
			Glendevon Stables (New Windsor)301-706-4642