TYPES OF TRAIL BRIDLES

Any bridle could be used to trail ride. It is important to have a bridle with a throatlatch as your horse may rub against trees and other natural elements which could easily remove an unsecure bridle. Many trail riders elect to use a halter bridle combination which allows them to easily transition between riding and tying their horse. There are many variations of combination bridles which can be purchased in leather, nylon or synthetic materials. Because of the design of combination bridles it is especially important to evaluate fit before purchasing.



<u>Halter Bridle Combination</u>: The halter bridle combination is used by trail riders and features several adjustable parts. Snaps or buckles are commonly used to quickly convert from bridle to halter and back. This is done by removing both extra cheek pieces along with the attached bit. Care should be used so that the horse's teeth are not hit with the bit. This combination bridle saves carrying a separate halter which adds weight and bulk.

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