Crossing the US/Canadian Border

What you’ll need:

- Valid Passport
  - Apply early and it must be valid at least 6 months after you return home: [travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports](http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports)
- Passport card
  - Can only be used for re-entry into US by land or sea, less expensive than regular passport book and is valid for the following land or sea re-entries into the US:
    - Canada
    - Mexico
    - The Caribbean
    - Bermuda
  - Cannot be used for international air travel
- Pick your Border Crossing to find out the details that will make your crossing at that border patrol easier: [www.dutyfreecanada.com/#locations](http://www.dutyfreecanada.com/#locations)
- Vehicle (and trailer) registration
- Vehicle (and trailer) proof of insurance

What if you travel with a firearm?
You must declare the firearm in writing using the Non-Resident Firearm Declaration. Be sure to read up on the regulations before you travel across borders with a firearm: [http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/information/visit/index-eng.htm](http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/information/visit/index-eng.htm)

Should you need the US Embassy while in Canada:
US Embassy:
U.S. Embassy in Ottawa
490 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario K1N 1G8 Canada
Tel: 613-688-5335

Make two photocopies of all your travel documents in case of emergency. Leave one copy with a trusted friend or relative at home and carry the other separately from your documents in case of loss or theft.

Prepare Your Horse for Border Crossing
To bring a horse across the Canada/U.S. border for a short-term or permanent stay, you must follow specific regulations. Strict rules prevent the spread of disease from one country to the other. Horse owners must have the required paperwork before the border agent will allow entry. Certain border crossings have a veterinarian on hand to perform health checks before a horse may enter. Failure to follow the rules leads to financial penalties.

Know the health requirements and certifications needed:
- Your horse must not have been in Texas or New Mexico within the last 21 days
- Negative Coggins test within 6 months before travel
- International health certificate
• Both Coggins and Health Certificate must be certified by the USDA veterinarian, ask your vet about how to accomplish this. Allow at least a 5-7 business days before you leave to get the paperwork to and from the USDA vet.
• Address of destination in Canada for Paperwork
  Horse Country Campground
  503 Rafting Rd
  Foresters Falls, ON K0J 1V0, Canada
  613-687-0585
• Print out of event information, reservations for Horse Country Campground
• Several copies of health certificate, Coggins and event info, if you must turn in any paperwork, make sure you give them the copies and keep the original for yourself.
• **When at the border crossing**, let the Canada Border Service Agents know that you and your horses are coming for a temporary stay. They should stamp your paperwork and return it to you. Should they want to keep any paperwork, give them the copies.
• Do not need a vet inspection at the border if visit is less than 30 days or if traveling from Texas or New Mexico. (see below)

*Live in Texas or New Mexico and want to bring your horse? There are extra steps that you need to make sure that you take*
• Must be out of state for at least 21 days with a new health certificate drawn
• If coming directly from TX or NM:
  o An import permit issued by CFIA is required
  o The animal(s) were inspected by a veterinarian within 15 days prior to export.
  o The animal(s) were inspected for ticks and if necessary treated for ticks at the time of inspection.
  o The animal(s) have not been on a premise where equine piroplasmosis (clinical or serology) has occurred during the 60 days immediately prior to export, nor has this disease occurred on any adjoining premises during the same period of time.
  o The animal(s) have tested negative to equine piroplasmosis using cELISA test during the 15 days prior to export. Note to be included on the certification statements: Fit to be transported means: that on the day of inspection, no animal has an infirmity, illness, injury or any other condition that could be aggravated when the animal is being transported and causing the animal to suffer.
  o Negative Coggins test or ELISA for equine infectious anemia within 6 months prior to exportation.
  o You will also need to arrange to have the horse inspected by the CFIA Vet at the border crossing. It is best to make an appointment before you arrive. The vets are available at certain ports M-F from 8a-3p. There is also an additional fee for inspection at the border of $25. Find the port closest to your route:
  [http://www.inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/offices/eng/1300462382369/1300462438912](http://www.inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/offices/eng/1300462382369/1300462438912)