



Michigan Department of Natural Resources

EQUESTRIAN CAMPSITES and TRAILS

Be a good steward by keeping public areas clean and leaving a limited impact.

State Forest Campgrounds:	Contact #	# of Sites
4-Mile Trail Camp*	989-348-7068	Group Camp (300 ppl Max)
Big Oaks Equestrian State Forest Campground	989-785-4388	24 designated sites
Black Lake Trail Camp	231-627-2811	5 designated Sites
Cedar River North State Forest Campground	906-863-9747	6 designated sites
Elk Hill Equestrian State Forest Campground and Trail Camp* (<i>Equine only-Reservable</i>)	989-732-5485	Group Camp (100ppl max) 11 designated sites
Garey Lake State Forest Campground	231-276-9511	12 designated sites
Garey Lake Trail Camp*	231-276-9511	Group Camp (200ppl max)
Goose Creek Trail Camp*	989-348-7068	Group Camp (300 ppl Max)
Headquarters Lake State Forest Campground	906-658-3338	6 designated sites
Hopkins Creek Equestrian State Forest Campground and Trail Camp*	231-775-7911	Group Camp (162 ppl Max) 16 designated sites
Johnson's Crossing Trail Camp* (<i>Equine only</i>)	989-732-5485	Group Camp (100ppl Max)
Lake Dubonnet Trail Camp*	231-276-9511	Group Camp (200ppl Max)
Rapid River Trail Camp*	231-922-5270	Group Camp (200 ppl Max)
Scheck's Place Trail Camp*	231-922-5270	Group Camp 200 ppl Max
Stoney Creek Trail Camp*	231-625-2522	Group Camp (100ppl Max)
Walsh Road Equestrian State Forest Campground and Trail Camp*	989-348-7068	Group Camp (60 people Max) 9 designated sites
<i>* Campgrounds located on the Shore-to-Shore Riding/Hiking Trail</i>		
State Park and Recreation Area Campgrounds:	Contact #	# of Sites
Brighton Recreation Area Equestrian Campground	(810) 229-6566	17 designated sites
Highland Recreation Area Equestrian Campground	(248) 889-3750	25 designated sites
Ionia Recreation Area Equestrian Campground	(616) 527-3750	47 designated sites
Ortonville Recreation Area Equestrian Campground	810-797-4439	24 designated sites
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area Equestrian Campground	(248) 666-1020	25 designated sites
Sleepy Hollow State Park	517-651-6217	1 modern cabin, 1 rustic cabin
Waterloo Recreation Area Equestrian Campground	(734) 475-8307	25 designated sites
Yankee Springs Recreation Area Equestrian Campground	(269) 795-9081	25 designated sites
State Game Area Campgrounds:	Contact #	# of Sites
Ely Lake Campground and Equestrian Park (<i>Allegan Co. Park & Rec.</i>)	(269) 686-9088	73 designated sites
State Park and Recreation Area Trails:	Contact #	# of Trail Miles
Bass River Recreation Area Multi-Use Trail	(231) 798-3711	3+
Brighton Recreation Area Equestrian Trail *	(810) 229-6566	19
Fort Custer Recreation Area Equestrian Trails	(269) 731-4200	19.1
William Field Memorial Hart-Montague State Park Rail Trail	(616) 869-2051	4 (Mile Marker 16 - 20)
Highland Recreation Area Equestrian Trails	(248) 889-3750	14.9
Ionia Recreation Area Equestrian Trails	(616) 527-3750	15
Kal-Haven Trail State Park	(269) 637-2788	8
Lakelands Trail State Park	(734) 426-4913	22
Maybury State Park Equestrian Trail *	(248) 349-8390	11
Ortonville Recreation Area Equestrian / Snowmobile Trail	(810) 797-4439	8.5
Pinckney Recreation Area Equestrian Trails - <i>Connects to Lakeland Trail</i>	(734) 426-4913	13
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area Equestrian Trail	(248) 666-1020	17
Proud Lake Recreation Area	(248) 685-2433	9.5
Rockport Recreation Area	989-7342543	9.2
Sleepy Hollow State Park Horse Trail	(517) 651-6217	12.9
Van Buren Trail State Park	(269) 637-2788	13
Waterloo Recreation Area Equestrian Trails *	(734) 475-8307	17
Yankee Springs Bridle Trail	(269) 795-9081	10
<i>* Riding Stables that offer equine rental</i>		
Collaborative Equestrian Facilities:	Contact #	# of Trail Miles
Shore-to-Shore Equestrian Riding/ Hiking Trail	www.mtra.org	420
<i>** Portions of the trail occurs off state owned land.</i>		

State Rail Trails:	Contact #	# of Trail Miles
When traveling multi-use trails, you may encounter many different forms of trail use, such as hikers, bikers, horseback riders, snowmobilers , etc. Therefore consider both you and your horse's experience and ability. Below are several trails that are more popular for Equestrian use:		
Polly Ann State Trail (managed by Polly Ann Trail Authority & Lapeer County Park System) - Not allowed on Bridge over m-24 in Oxford	(248) 981-1242 or (810) 245-4794	36
Nayanquing Point Trail - Gravel surface (Managed by Fraser Twp. & Bay City State Rec. Area)	(989) 697-3820 or (989) 684-3020	3.7
St Ignace to Trout Lake Trail (undeveloped rail grade)	(906) 643-8620	25.7
Haywire Trail (undeveloped rail grade)	(906) 341-2355	15
State Line Trail (undeveloped rail grade) View Iron River-Marenisco Route & State Line Route	(906) 563-9247	98
Bergland to Sidnaw Rail Trail (undeveloped rail grade)	(906) 563-9247	49
Bill Nicholls Trail (undeveloped rail grade)	(906) 563-9247	38
North Central State Trail (packed crushed limestone surface)	(231) 627-9011	62
Musketawa State Trail (co-managed with Ottawa Co. Parks)	DNR (231) 744-3480 Co. (616) 738-4810	24.5
Pere Marquette State Trail (Baldwin to US 131 / Reed City- limestone; US 131 /Reed City to Clare - asphalt)	Clare FO (231) 745-9465 / Baldwin FO (989) 386-4067	56
Betsie Valley State Trail - East of Beulah to Thompsonville (packed crushed limestone)	(231) 775-9727	12
North Eastern State Trail (packed crushed limestone surface)	(231) 627-9011	70
North Western State Trail, Alanson to Mackinaw City Segment (packed crushed limestone surface)	(231) 347-2311	23
Marquette to Munising Junction Trail (undeveloped rail grade)	(906) 228-6561	37.6
Roger City Spur Trail (undeveloped rail grade)	(231) 627-9011	12.6
Felch Grade Trail (Clowry grade)	(906) 786-2354	23.5
Hillman to Alpena Trail (undeveloped rail grade) <i>This trail is bisected. 13 miles from Bagley Road in Alpena to M-65 in Lachine and then 6 miles from Salina Road to Hillman.</i>	(231) 627-9011	19
Soo/Strong's Trail (undeveloped rail grade)	(906) 248-3422	32
Hancock/Calumet Trail (undeveloped rail grade)	(906) 563-9247	14
Freda Trail (undeveloped rail grade)	(906) 563-9247	12
Lake Linden Trail (undeveloped rail grade)	(906) 563-9247	16
Peshekee to Clowry ORV Trail (Clowry grade)	(906) 228-6561	7
Republic/Champion Grade Trail (Clowry grade)	(906) 228-6561	8
Ishpeming to Republic (Clowry grade)	(906) 228-6561	2 0
State Forest Pathways:	Contact #	# of Trail Miles
SF Pathways are open to equestrian use unless posted closed, however are not designed and designated specifically for this use. Below are several trails that are more popular for Equestrian use:		
Pine Bowl Pathway	(906) 248-3422	7.7
Thunder Valley Equestrian Pathway	906-339-4461	8.8
Cedar River Pathway	906-863-9747	17.5
Black Mountain Pathway	231-627-2811	30
Big Oaks Equestrian Trails	(989) 785-4388	16
Note: Horse use on state-owned ORV and snowmobile trails is not prohibited.		
State Game Area Trails	Contact #	# of Trail Miles
Barry State Game Area - connects to Yankee Springs R.A.	(269)-795-3280	5
Ely Lake Equestrian Trails (Allegan State Game Area) managed by Allegan County Park & Recreation	(269) 686-9088	30
Silver Creek Equestrian Trails (Allegan State Game Area) managed by Allegan County Park & Recreation	(269) 686-9088	30
Backcountry Riding Opportunities:		
Back country horseback riding is permitted on all State Forest roads open to motor vehicles and on State Forest lands that are not posted closed to horse use. State Forest land closed to horses include all non-equestrian campgrounds, portions of the Gladwin Field Trail Area in Gladwin County, the Lame Duck Foot Access Area in Gladwin and Arenac Counties, and unimproved land within the Pigeon River Country (PRC) Management Unit within Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Otsego and Montmorency Counties. A map defining PRC roads and trails that are open to riding can be found on the DNR Web site, under www.michigan.gov/equestrian .		
For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/dnrtrails		