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Experience the scenic wonders of our state and the joys of being outdoors on one of Missouri's many equestrian trails.

The Missouri Equestrian Trail Guide is a handy reference for horseback riders seeking information on where they can ride and what services are provided.

The guide lists equestrian trails open to the public on federal and state lands. Special sections are included on Katy Trail State Park and the Ozark Trail. The guide also provides helpful tips to ensure your next horseback trip is a positive experience.



THIS GUIDE IS A HANDY REFERENCE FOR HORSEBACK RIDERS OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES.



LEGEND

Numbers correlate to descriptions throughout brochure.

- = Missouri State Parks
- = Katy Trail State Park
- = Missouri Department of Conservation
- = U.S. Forest Service
- = U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- = National Park Service
- = Ozark Trail
- = County
- = River

Trail Use Guidelines
ENSURING A POSITIVE TRAIL EXPERIENCE

Equestrian trails are a popular way to experience nature and enjoy the outstanding recreational opportunities in Missouri. While nature provides the perfect setting for trails, these same natural settings and conditions require you to be aware of your surroundings and prepared to ensure that you have a positive experience.

Here are some suggestions to make sure your next equestrian trail experience is safe and enjoyable.

Know your own physical capabilities. If you are not a frequent equestrian trail rider, don't try a long, strenuous trail. Public agencies offer many different trails that vary in length and terrain so find one that fits your abilities.

If you are not familiar with the trail, **pick up a detailed map** and make sure you are familiar with how to use it. A compass or GPS unit is also handy.

Read the information on the trailhead signs and maps before you go to become oriented and aware of the trail terrain, length and special features. Make sure you have adequate time to complete a trail before dark.

Stay on the designated trails and do not take shortcuts. This will help ensure that you do not get lost or injured.

Be aware of the weather and dress accordingly. Hypothermia can set in quickly in the event that you become cold and wet.

Be aware of changing trail conditions, especially after rain and snow. Trail conditions may be muddy and ruts may develop in some areas.

Watch for loose rocks, roots and downed vegetation over the trail. **Be aware** of steep slopes and drop-offs next to the trail.

Always carry water to ensure you stay hydrated. Also, carry food for added energy.

Wear the proper clothing and use the proper equipment.

Take appropriate precautions against common insects such as ticks, chiggers and mosquitoes. Be prepared with insect repellent.

When you plan to use a trail, especially one for any length or in a remote area, **let a friend or family member know** where you are going and when you expect to return.

Carry some form of communication such as a cell phone but please note that there may not be coverage in all areas.

Below: Cross tying is the preferred way to secure horses to minimize impact and avoid damaging trees.



The Ethics of Good Trail Use THE TRAILS IN MISSOURI ARE YOURS.

Please help to maintain and preserve their beauty and natural qualities by following these rules:

Carry out what you carry in. If the users before you have not done this, you can help by removing their trash as well.



Keep your group small. Small groups are less likely to harm the environment.

Avoid using a trail when wet. Using wet trails causes damage and increases trail maintenance. Check the weather before you plan a trip.

Stay on the trail. Do not take shortcuts. The trail has been designed to minimize destruction of surrounding vegetation and to prevent erosion.

Share the Trail. Expect to share the trail with other users. Be courteous and communicate your intended movements with other trail users.



Leave No Trace
(LNT.org)



On your next equestrian trail adventure, follow the guidelines promoted by the national education program known as Leave No Trace. The goal of the program is to encourage outdoor enthusiasts to develop an attitude that lessens the impact of their recreational use. That means picking up every speck of litter, even what may have been left behind by a previous user. It basically follows the principle of taking nothing with you but photographs and memories.

Here are the seven principles promoted by the program:

PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE: Before you leave home, review park rules, know the weather forecast and repack food for your convenience and to minimize waste. If using a trail, review the route and check trail conditions to make sure the experience is suitable for everyone in your group.

TRAVEL AND CAMP ON DURABLE SURFACES: When hiking, mountain biking or horseback riding, stay on designated trails. Shortcuts can cause erosion and other damage. Know what uses are appropriate for the trails and remember that some trails are closed to bicycles and horses in wet weather. Use designated areas when camping, and park only on designated spots.

DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY: Pack out what you pack in. Even fruit and vegetable peels and cores should be taken with you. Pick up after your pet. If a restroom is not available, dispose of human waste properly. Dig a hole 6 to 8 inches deep at least 200 feet from the nearest trail or water source. After use, fill the hole with loose soil and tamp the sod back down. Remember to pack out your toilet paper.

RESPECT WILDLIFE: All wildlife is protected. Leave that box turtle on the trail for others to see. Observe wildlife from a distance. Keep pets under control. Never feed wildlife either intentionally or unintentionally by leaving food unattended.

BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHER VISITORS: Keep pets on a leash and under control at all times. Trail etiquette indicates hikers and bicyclists should yield to horses. Most visitors are there for the solitude. Don't play recorded music except through ear phones and keep voices and noises to a minimum.

LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND: Every plant, rock and animal should be left as you find it. Graffiti is vandalism. Don't use trees as clothes lines, or to tie up hammocks, dogs or horses. Leave wildflowers for the next visitor to admire. Avoid introducing or transporting non-native species or invasive insects.

MINIMIZE CAMPFIRE IMPACTS: When possible, use a camp stove rather than building a fire. If you do build a fire, use only the existing fire ring. Burn all wood and coals to ash, put out campfires completely, and scatter ashes to cool.



Missouri State Parks Trails

For more information about trails in Missouri State Parks, contact the individual park or site, or visit mostateparks.com.

DR. EDMUND A. BABLER STATE PARK

1 EQUESTRIAN TRAIL

St. Louis County
Loop | 6 miles; WC1: 1 mi.
TH Location:
38.61223, -90.69460
TH Amenities: Picnic tables
Trail Features: Stream
636-458-3813

SAM A. BAKER STATE PARK

2 FIRE TOWER TRAIL

Wayne County
Linear | 2 miles
TH Location:
37.25313, -90.50541
573-856-4411

3 MUDLICK TRAIL

Wayne County
Loop | 16.75 miles; WC1: 2.30 mi.; WC2: 1.75 mi.
From Day-Use Area: 11 miles;
From Equestrian Campground:
16.75 miles

TH Locations:
Day-use Area: 37.24997, -90.50857, Equestrian Campground: 37.24993, -90.50857
TH Amenities: Water hydrant, restroom, picnic tables, hitching post, large rig parking
Trail Features: Stream
Camping: Developed campground (basic and electric sites), water
573-856-4411

CASTLEWOOD STATE PARK

4 CASTLEWOOD LOOP TRAIL

St. Louis County
Loop | 2.75 miles
TH Location:
Via Chubb Trail: 38.53809, -90.55932
636-227-4433

5 CHUBB TRAIL

St. Louis County
Linear | 6.50 miles
TH Locations:
1) 38.53610, -90.53880;
2) 38.52040, -90.56834
TH Amenities: Large rig parking
636-227-4433

6 GROTPETER TRAIL

St. Louis County
Loop | 3.75 miles; WC1: .45 mi.; WC2: 1.15 mi.; WC3: .40 mi.; WC4: .40 mi.; WC5: .25 mi.
TH Locations:
1) 38.55139, -90.54180;
2) 38.55234, -90.54321
TH Amenities: Picnic tables, hitching post
Trail Features: Stream
636-227-4433

CROWDER STATE PARK

7 THOMPSON RIVER TRAIL

Grundy County
Loop | 8.60 miles; WC2: .80 mi.; WC3: .80 mi.; WC4: .85 mi.
TH Location:
40.11199, -93.69296

TH Amenities: Large rig parking
Trail Features: Stream
NOTE: A trail hotline (660-359-0900) lets riders know when the trail is open or closed.
660-359-6473

CUIVRE RIVER STATE PARK

8 CUIVRE RIVER TRAIL

Lincoln County
Loop | 11.25 miles;
WC1: .25 mi.; WC2: .80 mi.; WC3: 1 mi.; WC4: 1.10 mi.; WC5: 1.05 mi.
TH Location for Equestrian Users Only:
39.04519, -90.92689
TH Amenities: Restroom, picnic tables, hitching post, large rig parking, water
Camping: Developed campground (electric and basic sites), water
636-528-7247

JOHNSON'S SHUT-INS STATE PARK

9 GOGGINS MOUNTAIN EQUESTRIAN TRAIL

Reynolds County
Loop | 10 miles
TH Location:
37.56085, -90.85244
TH Amenities: Vault toilet, picnic tables, hitching post, large rig parking
Trail Features: Wet-weather stream
Camping: Developed campground (electric sites), water
NOTE: Equestrian use is not allowed on the Taum Sauk Section of the Ozark Trail and riders should not use the connector to the Ozark Trail.
573-546-2450

KNOB NOSTER STATE PARK

10 MCADOO TRAIL

Johnson County
System | 7 miles; WC1: 1.20 mi.; WC2: .45 mi.
TH Location:
38.73976, -93.61347
TH Amenities: Water hydrant, restroom, picnic tables, hitching post, limited parking area
Trail Features: Bottomland and upland forests, small creek crossings
NOTE: Trail is closed when it's too wet; see park advisories at mostateparks.com.
660-563-2463

LAKE OF THE OZARKS STATE PARK

11 HIDDEN SPRINGS TRAIL

Camden/Miller Counties
Loop | 2.50 miles
TH Location:
38.08318, -92.56376
TH Amenities: Vault toilet, hitching post
Trail Features: Lake
573-348-2694

12 TRAIL OF FOUR WINDS

Camden/Miller Counties
Loop | 13.50 miles;
WC2: 2.15 mi.; WC3: .60 mi.
TH Locations:
1) 38.10442, -92.55788;
2) 38.08480, -92.56370
TH Amenities: Large rig parking
Trail Features: Stream, lake
573-348-2694

13 WHITE OAK TRAIL

Camden/Miller Counties
Loop | 1 mile
TH Location:
39.46633, -91.80812
TH Amenities: Vault toilet, hitching post
573-348-2694



LAKE WAPPAPELLO STATE PARK

14 LAKE WAPPAPELLO TRAIL

Wayne County
Loop | 12.75 miles
TH Location:
36.94686, -90.34386
TH Amenities: Hitching post, large rig parking, picnic tables
Trail Features: Stream, lake, riparian and upland forest
NOTE: Overnight equestrian use is not allowed. Connects to the Lake Wappapello Section of the Ozark Trail.
573-297-3232

ROGER PRYOR PIONEER BACKCOUNTRY

15 ROGER PRYOR PIONEER BACK-COUNTRY TRAIL

Shannon/Reynolds Counties
Linear | 15.80 miles
TH Location:
37.35460, -91.21253
(Trailhead is located on U.S. Forest Service land)
573-546-2450 (Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park)

ROCK BRIDGE MEMORIAL STATE PARK

16 GANS CREEK WILD AREA TRAIL

Boone County
System | 8.50 miles
TH Locations:
Rock Quarry Road (Gans Creek): 38.87571, -92.32409; Bearfield Road (Wagon Wheel): 38.88276, -92.30442; Bonne Femme Church Road (Shooting Star): 38.87321, -92.29605
TH Amenities: Small rig parking
Trail Features: Stream
NOTE: Horseback riding is permitted only on the Gans Creek Wild Area Trails from June 1 to Oct. 31 and only when trails are dry. Call trail condition hotline 573-442-2249 for status.
573-449-7402

ROUTE 66 STATE PARK

17 INNER LOOP TRAIL

St. Louis County
Loop | 2 miles; WC1: .30 mi.; WC2: .20 mi.
TH Location:
38.50374, -90.59865
TH Amenities: Restroom
Trail Features: Stream
636-938-7198

18 OUTER LOOP TRAIL

St. Louis County
Loop | 3.25 miles; WC1: .30 mi.; WC2: .20 mi.
TH Location:
38.50401, -90.59370
Trail Features: Stream
636-938-7198

19 SOUTH LOOP TRAIL

St. Louis County
Loop | 1.50 miles
TH Location:
38.50278, -90.59427
TH Amenities: Water hydrant, picnic tables, large rig parking
636-938-7198

20 W TRAIL

St. Louis County
Linear | .50 mile
TH Location:
38.50520, -90.60682
636-938-7198

ST. FRANCOIS STATE PARK

21 PIKE RUN TRAIL

St. Francois County
Loop | 10.25 miles;
WC1: .10 mi.
TH Location:
37.95856, -90.53329
TH Amenities: Stream, picnic tables, hitching post, large rig parking
Trail Features: Stream, spring
573-358-2173

ST. JOE STATE PARK

22 HICKORY RIDGE TRAIL

St. Francois County
Loop | 4 miles; WC1: .70 mi.; WC2: .90 mi.
TH Location:
37.77643, -90.48591
TH Amenities: Water, vault toilet, picnic tables, hitching post, large rig parking
Camping: Developed campground (basic and electric sites)
573-431-1069

23 PINE RIDGE TRAIL

St. Francois County
Loop | 13 miles
TH Location:
37.77643, -90.48591
TH Amenities: Water, vault toilet, picnic tables, hitching post, large rig parking
Trail Features: Stream
Camping: Developed campground (basic and electric sites)
573-431-1069

TRAIL OF TEARS STATE PARK

24 PEEWAH TRAIL

Cape Girardeau County
Loop | 9 miles; WC1: .01 mi.; WC2: .55 mi.
TH Locations:
Two trailheads, both starting at 37.45619, -89.48806
TH Amenities: Restroom, large rig parking
573-334-1711

WATKINS WOOLEN MILL STATE PARK AND STATE HISTORIC SITE

25 EQUESTRIAN TRAIL

Clay County
System | 4 miles; WC1: .75 mi.; Blue Connector: 10 mi.
TH Location:
39.39758, -94.25036
TH Amenities: Picnic tables, hitching post, large rig parking
Trail Features: Stream
816-580-3387



Missouri Department of Conservation Trails

For more information about trails in Missouri Department of Conservation areas, contact the individual areas or visit mdc.mo.gov.

ANGELINE CONSERVATION AREA

26 ANGELINE TRAIL

Shannon County
System | 9.50 miles
TH Location:
37.18124, -91.34693
NOTE: Trail is closed during all portions of firearms deer season and spring turkey season.
573-226-3616

APPLE CREEK CONSERVATION AREA

27 APPLE CREEK TRAIL

Cape Girardeau County
Double Loop | 5 miles
TH Location:
37.54203, -89.58839
Trail Features: Pond
Camping: Primitive camping

except within 100 feet of a public road or parking lot
573-547-4537

BICENTENNIAL CONSERVATION AREA

28 BICENTENNIAL TRAIL

Newton County
Loop | 4.50 miles
TH Locations:
West: 36.84308, -94.35037;
East: 36.84287, -94.35802
TH Amenities: Vault toilet at West TH
Trail Features: Creek, gently rolling hills
417-451-4158

BIG BUFFALO CONSERVATION AREA

29 BIG BUFFALO TRAIL

Benton/Morgan Counties
System | 6 miles
TH Location:
38.33338, -93.08851
TH Amenities: Large rig parking
Trail Features: Lake, woodlands
Camping: Primitive camping except within 100 feet of a public road or parking area
660-530-5500

BONANZA CONSERVATION AREA

30 BONANZA TRAIL

Caldwell County
Loop | 4.80 miles
TH Location:
38.92033, -94.20866
Trail Features: Stream, pond
Camping: Primitive camping in designated area
NOTE: Trail is closed during all portions of firearms deer season and spring turkey season.
660-646-6122

BUNCH HOLLOW CONSERVATION AREA

31 BUNCH HOLLOW TRAIL

Carroll County
Two Loops | 4.50 miles
TH Locations:
Central: 39.58815, -93.58072;
South: 39.57835, -93.58972
Trail Features: Pond
Camping: Primitive camping in designated areas
NOTE: Trail is closed during all portions of firearms deer season and spring turkey season.
660-646-6122

BUSHWHACKER LAKE CONSERVATION AREA

32 BUSHWHACKER LAKE TRAIL

Vernon/Barton Counties
System | 6.60 miles
TH Location:
37.64965, -94.41389
Trail Features: Lake, pond
NOTE: Trail open May 15 - Sept. 15
417-895-6880

BUSIEK STATE FOREST AND WILDLIFE AREA

33 BUSIEK TRAIL

Christian County
System | 18 miles (One 8-mile loop and one 10-mile loop)
TH Locations:
North: 36.86331, -92.23105;
South: 36.84810, -92.21538;
East: 36.86204, -93.22543;
West: 36.86358, -93.23523
Trail Features: Stream
417-895-6880

CANAAN CONSERVATION AREA

34 CANAAN TRAIL

Gasconade County
Double Loop | 10.40 miles
TH Locations:
North: 38.34197, -91.60934;
South: 38.32316, -91.60907
TH Amenities: Five parking lots available
Trail Features: Old spring house with watering trough, woods, warm season grass fields, circa 1800s cemetery

Camping: Primitive camping except within 100 feet of a public road or parking area
573-897-3797 x.111

CASTOR RIVER CONSERVATION AREA

35 CASTOR RIVER TRAIL

Bollinger County
System | 19.50 miles
TH Location:
37.18292, -90.15487
TH Amenities: Hitching posts, large rig parking
Trail Features: Stream, pond
Camping: Primitive camping in designated area; primitive camping also outside of designated area but must be at least 100 feet from roads, parking lots and open fields
573-290-5730

CHARLIE HEATH MEMORIAL CONSERVATION AREA

36 CHARLIE HEATH TRAIL

Clark County
Loop | 6.30 miles
TH Location:
40.57880, -91.90057
TH Amenities: Stream
Trail Features: Stream
Camping: Primitive camping except within 100 feet of a public road or parking area
NOTE: Trail is closed during firearms deer season and from the first day of youth turkey season through last day of spring turkey season.
660-785-2420

COLUMBIA BOTTOM CONSERVATION AREA

37 MADISON FERRY TRAIL

St. Louis County
Loop | 7.80 miles
TH Location:
38.80919, -90.17617
TH Amenities: Drinking water, restroom, picnic tables, hitching posts, large rig parking
Trail Features: Stream
NOTE: Trail closed from Sept. 1 through March 31.
314-877-6014

COMPTON HOLLOW CONSERVATION AREA

38 COMPTON HOLLOW TRAIL

Webster County
System | 5.50 miles
TH Locations:
1) 37.14381, -93.00776
2) 37.13597, -92.59686
417-895-6880

DANIEL BOONE CONSERVATION AREA

39 MULTI-USE TRAIL

Warren County
Loop | 7 miles
TH Location:
38.46303, -91.24310
Trail Features: Pond
Camping: Primitive camping in designated area
NOTE: Trail is closed during all portions of firearms deer season and spring turkey season.
636-456-3368

DEER RIDGE CONSERVATION AREA

40 DEER RIDGE TRAIL

Lewis County
System | 17.40 miles
TH Location:
40.17119, -91.79590
TH Amenities: Pond, restroom, hitching posts, large rig parking
Trail Features: Stream, pond
Camping: Primitive camping except within 100 feet of a public road or parking area
NOTE: Trail is closed during firearms deer season and from the first day of youth turkey season through last day of spring turkey season.
573-248-2530



MISSOURI STATE PARKS

Katy Trail State Park

Linear | 240 miles with 50 miles for equestrian use
573-449-7402

Katy Trail State Park is a Missouri state park with a national reputation. Built on the former corridor of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad, the Katy Trail is the longest developed rails-to-trail project in the nation at 240 miles. The entire trail, which runs between Machens and Clinton, is open to hiking and bicycling. Two sections, approximately 50 miles total, also are open to equestrian use.

NOTE: The trail is marked every mile with a sign post that corresponds to the historic railroad mileage system. Mileage will not be exact because the trail deviates slightly from the original railroad corridor. Mileposts are given as a reference for each trailhead in addition to GPS coordinates.

SECTION No. 1 SEDALIA (AT THE MISSOURI STATE FAIRGROUNDS) TO CLINTON

Linear | 34.70 miles

SEDALIA (PETTIS COUNTY)
TH Location: Milepost 229.90; 38.68900, -93.26431
TH Amenities: Large rig parking, camping allowed at fairgrounds
GREEN RIDGE (PETTIS COUNTY)
TH Location: Milepost 239.20; 38.61945, -93.40990
TH Amenities: Large rig parking, hitching rail, water, restroom

WINDSOR (HENRY COUNTY)
TH Location: Milepost 248; 38.53588, -93.52466
TH Amenities: Large rig parking, hitching rail, water, restroom

CALHOUN (HENRY COUNTY)
TH Location: Milepost 255.20; 38.46880, -93.62371
TH Amenities: Large rig parking, hitching rail, water, restroom

CLINTON (HENRY COUNTY)
TH Location: Milepost 264.60; 38.38446, -93.75760
TH Amenities: Restroom, water (take spur from Henry County Fairgrounds); Henry County Fairgrounds Amenities: Large rig parking
Camping: Primitive camping allowed at fairgrounds (restroom and showers available at adjacent Community Center)

NOTE: Equestrian parking located at Henry County Fairgrounds across Price Lane from Clinton Trailhead.

SECTION No. 2 PORTLAND TO TEBBETTS

Linear | 15.30 Miles

PORTLAND (CALLAWAY COUNTY)
TH Location: Milepost 115.90; 38.70972, -91.71676
TH Amenities: Restroom, Missouri River access

MOKANE (CALLAWAY COUNTY)
TH Location: Milepost 125; 38.67425, -91.87106
TH Amenities: Restroom, large rig parking (official equestrian parking lot for this section)

TEBBETTS (CALLAWAY COUNTY)
TH Location: Milepost 131.20; 38.62113, -91.95915
TH Amenities: Restroom

FLAG SPRING CONSERVATION AREA

41 FLAG SPRING TRAIL

Barry/McDonald Counties
System | 11.30 miles
TH Location:
36.60447, -94.03077
Trail Features: Spring, pond, wet-weather creeks
417-895-6880

FOREST 44 CONSERVATION AREA

42 FOREST 44 TRAIL (Eight interconnected loops designated by colors)

St. Louis County
System | 11.80 miles
TH Location:
37.31760, -90.30788
TH Amenities: Vault toilet, hitching post
Trail Features: Pond
NOTE: Trail is closed during two-day managed muzzle-loader hunts two times each November.
636-458-2236



FORT CROWDER CONSERVATION AREA

43 FORT CROWDER TRAIL

Newton County
System | 11 miles
TH Location:
36.82355, -94.32367
TH Amenities: Restroom
Trail Features: Pond
Camping: Primitive camping except within 100 feet of a public road or parking area
417-451-4158

HENRY SEVER CONSERVATION AREA

