

HORSEBACK RIDING IN MICHIGAN



Forest 906-643-7900

Central UP-Rails to Trails-W of M17 E of M95
Peshekee to Clowry ORV Trail-7 miles Ishpening, MI
906-228-6561

Republic-Champion Grade-7 miles Ishpening, MI 906-228-6561

Felch Grade Trail-35 miles unimproved, Gladstone, MI
Escanaba River State Forest
906-786-2354

Coalwood Trail-24 miles, unimproved, Hiawatha
National Forest, Munising Ranger District, call 906-387-2512

Hawire Trail-33 miles, ballast and cinder, Hiawatha
National Forest, Munising Ranger District 906-387-2512

Pine Martin Run-Three staging areas, one rustic
campground and miles of beautiful trails. Manistique
Ranger District 906-341-5666

Oakwood Trails-11 miles through woods and two tracks-
Munising Ranger District 906-387-2512

Bav De Noc-Grand Island Trail-40 miles from Rapid
River to M 94 near Ackerman Lake. Three staging areas
Munising Ranger District 906-387-2512

Western UP-Rails to Trails-West of M 95

Copper Country State Park-MDNR
Hancock-Calumet Trail-17 miles unimproved

Keweenaw Trail-18 miles grass and dirt

Bill Nichols Trail-40 miles unimproved

State Line Trail-102 miles unimproved

Crystal Falls to Iron River Trail-25 miles, ballast

Crystal Falls to Stager Trail-11 miles unimproved

Bergland to Sidnaw Trail-45 miles gravel and dirt

Call MDNR for trails heads 906-353-6651

Ottawa National Forest

Watersmeet-Land O' Lakes Trail-9 miles of ballast

Little Falls Trail-7 miles ballast and grass

Call Ottawa National Forest Ranger Station
906-358-4551

National Forest and State Forest Lands

are generally open to horseback riding unless specifically posted closed to horses. You may also camp on these open lands with your horse unless specifically posted no camping with horses. Be sure to pick up the specific rules for each type of forest. The phone numbers provided should send you the information. Please follow all rules.

Manistee National Forest:
Big "M" Cross Country Ski Trail-Trail is 19 miles long, non-improved. Manistee National Forest, Cadillac Ranger District, Manistee, MI 616-723-2211

Iron's Area Tourist Assoc. Snowmobile Trail-22 miles of ballast surface, Manistee Ranger, Manistee, MI 616-723-2211

White River Trail-Staging area, primitive campground, and 12 miles of marked trails in Pine Point Recreation Area. White Cloud, MI Local call 616-689-6696 or 1-800-721-6263 if out of the area.

Hungerford Lake-Miles and miles of trail and two tracks in the Manistee National Forest and 13 miles of marked horse trails and cross country ski trails, staging area and rustic campground. Baldwin, MI 231-745-4633

Bowman Lake Area-Staging Area, rustic campground, marked trails and map. Baldwin, MI
616-745-3100 Local or non-local 1-800-821-6263

TinCup Springs Trail - Luther, MI. 21 miles of marked

Trail. Staging area only, no camping.

Huron National Forest

Huron Forest Snowmobile Trails-95 miles of trails, call for trail heads and staging areas. Harrisville Ranger District, Harrisville, MI 517-724-6471

Mackinaw State Forest-

Black Mountain Forest Area-Miles of marked trails and two tracks, rustic campground. Near Cheboygan.

Forest headquarters in Gaylord, MI 517-732-3541

Iosco County Parks-Old Orchard County Park-

Staging area, camping with toilets and showers, marked and unmarked trails, near Shore-to-Shore Trail. Oscoda, MI 517-739-7814

Rails-To-Trails

Top of Michigan Trails Council- 231-348-

8280 for staging areas.

Mackinaw to Petoskey Trail 38 miles,

unimproved

Mackinaw City to Cheboygan Trail-16

miles

Cheboygan to Gaylord Trail 45 miles

Cheboygan to Hawks Trail 43 miles

Mackinaw Island Perimeter Trail-8 miles paved.

906-847-3328

UPPER PENNINSULA OF MICHIGAN

North of the Mackinaw Bridge

Eastern UP-Rails to Trails-East of M 17

Soo/Strong's Trail-32 miles original ballast, call MDNR Forest Mgt Division -906-635-528

St. Ignace to Trout Lake-26 miles, Hiawatha National

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Michigan has miles and miles of trails that we as horseback riders can enjoy. The state has three national forests and twenty-nine state forests, with over 12 million acres and 200 campgrounds. There are thousands of lakes and miles and miles of rivers and streams. All of this wonderful scenery can be viewed from the back of a horse, either near to home or by trailering to one of the more remote areas. Find your "bliss" and enjoy these trails.

SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

South of Saginaw, East of Jackson

Brighton Recreation Area—Riding Stable Concession, staging area, campground and 18 miles of bridle trails. Brighton, MI 810-229-6566

Highland Recreation Area—Riding Stable Concession, staging area, campground and 12 miles of bridle trails. White Lake, MI 248-889-3750

Ortonville Recreation Area—Staging area, campground and 7+ miles of bridle trails, Ortonville, MI 248-627-3828

Pinckney Recreation Area—Privately owned riding stable with lease to use state land, day staging area, no camping, and 8 miles of bridle trails that can connect to Lakeland Trail, Pinckney, MI 734-426-8307

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area—Riding Stable Concession, staging area, campground, and 17 miles of bridle trails that can connect to 4 miles of trails in Indian Springs Metropark.

Waterford, MI 248-666-1020

Proud Lake Recreation Area—Staging area, no camping and 8+ miles of bridle trails.

Milford, MI 248-685-2433

Waterloo Recreation Area—Staging area, campground, and 25 miles of marked bridle trails. Chelsea, MI 734-475-8307

Wayne State Park—Riding Stable Concession, day staging area, no camping and 11 miles of bridle trails. Northville, MI 248-349-8390

Sleepy Hollow State Park—Day staging area, no camping and 9 ½ miles of bridle trails. Lainsburg, MI, near Lansing 517-651-6217

Rails to Trails

Lakelands Trail—State Linear Park—Pinckney to Stockbridge, staging area at each end, and 13+ miles of trail parallel to bike trail. Pinckney, MI 734-426-4913

Paint Creek Trail—staging area at Gallagher and Clarkston Rds., 6 miles of multiuse trail to Lake Orion. Rochester, MI 248-651-9260

Poly Ann Trail—New trail in Oakland County from Leonard to Lake Orion. 248-969-8660
Lapeer County-Dryden Township, 810-796-3788

Huron Clinton MetroParks—Get Tag from park office.

Indian Springs MetroPark—No staging area, ride in from Pontiac Lake Recreation Area, 4 miles of bridle trails. 1-800-477-7280

Kensington MetroPark—Day staging area, no camping and 8 miles of trails. Milford, MI 1-800-477-3478

Oakwoods MetroPark—Day staging area, no camping and 5 miles of bridle trails. Flatrock, MI 734-697-9181

Wolcott Mills MetroPark—Day staging area and 5 ½ miles of bridle trails also open to carriage driving. Ray, MI 810-477-7756

County Parks:

Genesee County Parks:

Elba Equestrian Center—Staging area, campground and miles of marked and unmarked trails. Flint, MI 810-736-7100, ext. 824

Everett Al Cummines Center: Staging area, limited camping, miles of trails. Mt. Morris, MI 810-736-7100, ext. 824

Wayne County Parks:

Crosswinds Marsh—Day staging area, no camping, 4 ½ miles of well-groomed bridle trails. New Boston, MI 734-261-1990

Hines Park Trail—Day staging area and 10 miles of bridle trails along the Rouge River. Trail head by Northville end of trail. Northville through Garden City. 734-261-1990

St. Clair County:

Wadams to Avoca 10 miles of unimproved multiuse trails . 810-989-6960

SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN

South of Montague, West of Jackson

Bass River Recreation Area—Day staging area, no camping and 4.8 miles of bridle trails, no other facilities. Muskegon, MI 231-789-3711

Fort Custer Recreation Area—Day staging area, no camping and 22 miles of trails, multi-use trails. Augusta, MI 616-731-4200

Ionia Recreation Area—Staging area, larger campground and 18 miles of marked bridle trails. Ionia, MI 616-527-3750

Yankee Springs Recreation Area—Staging area, campground and 10 miles of bridle trails that connect to 9 miles of marked horse trails in the Barry State Game Area. Shared with mountain bikers. Middleville, MI 616-795-9081

Allegan State Game Area—50,000 acres of land with horseback riding in designated areas. Write for details to Allegan State Game Area, 4590 118th Ave., Allegan, MI 49010

County Parks—

Allegan County:

Silver Creek Community Park—Staging area, large campground, and miles of nice bridle trails. Fee for day use and camping. Allegan, MI 616-673-0378

Rails to Trails:

Hart-Montague Bicycle Trail State Park—4 miles of horse trail parallel to bicycle trail from Rothbury City Park to Fruitvale Road. Rothbury, MI 616-873-3083

Kal-Haven Trail State Park—14 miles of horse trail parallel to bicycle trail from 68th Street to Bloomingdale, three parking locations. 616-637-4984

Musketawa Trail—26 miles from Marme to Muskegon. Horse trail along asphalt. Ravenna, MI 616-853-2360

Manistee National Forest—Miles of trails in this

National Forest, Call for map of trails. White Cloud, MI 616-689-6696 Local or 1-800-821-6263

NORTHERN LOWER MICHIGAN

North of M 46--Saginaw

Michigan Shore-to-Shore Riding/Hiking Trail—Trail runs from Oscoda on Lake Huron to Empire on Lake Michigan, about 230 miles of maintained trails with camps spaced about every 20-25 miles.

North-South Riding/Hiking Trail—Trail runs from Cadillac in the South to Mackinaw City in the North.

Uses part of the east/west trail but has about 100 additional miles of well-maintained trails. Trails are maintained by the Michigan Trail Riders Assn. For information contact the Forest Management Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. 517-373-1275 or visit the MTRA website at www.mtra.org