

Michigan Shoreline Horse Friends Volunteer Information

- **Parking Lot Attendants/Greeters/Hay and Manure Management** will assist with check-in, direct participant parking, hay, and manure clean-up from 8:45a.m.- Noon.
- **Horse Dune Route / ORV Parking Area Hay and Manure Management** of Horse Dune Route from 3:30p.m.- 5:00p.m. and assist participants with clean-up of hay and manure.

Parking Lot Attendants/Greeters/Assist Participants with Hay and Manure Clean-up 8:45a.m. - Noon

Welcome participants, confirm Parking Reservations, and Recreation Passports on vehicles.

Provide Silver Lake State Park Map, DNR Rules, and Community Information if needed.

Remind participants to **NOT USE TIE DOWNS** with their horses when near water.

Remind participants horseback riding is only authorized from the ORV Parking Lot, up the ORV exit ramp, and along the safest and shortest designated dune route to access the Silver Lake State Park Lake Michigan shoreline and return the same route. See map.

Remind equestrian use is prohibited in the pedestrian portion of the dunes and all other dunes.

Remind equestrians to stay out of all ponds and other bodies of water in the dunes as the footing may not be secure and there could be steep/deep drop offs.

Remind participants to **please pick up all manure and hay in the ORV Parking Lot and deposit in the Manure Collection Trailer in the ORV Parking Lot or take it back home with them.**

Remind participants that the MDNR requires all manure to be picked up along the ORV Dune Route by the Michigan Shoreline Horse Friends. For sustainability of these opportunities, encourage participants to join the **Shoreline Horseback Riding Friends** Email: mihorsefriends@gmail.com and the **Michigan Shoreline Horse Friends facebook page**
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/michiganshorelinehorsefriends/>

Direct participants to **park facing North in two rows** with ample space in the center to prepare for easy exiting. Especially direct the first few rigs as they set the pattern for each day.

Advise participants there are vault toilets in the ORV Parking Lot and along the ORV Dune Route near Lake Michigan. Due to winterization, there is no water available on site.

Thank participants for their participation and encourage them to **enjoy their Silver Lake State Park visit.**

Thank you, volunteers! YOU are a vital part of the success of these opportunities!

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- **Dune Route/ Parking Area Hay and Manure Management** of Horse Dune Route from 3:30p.m.-5:00p.m. and assist participants with clean-up of hay and manure in the ORV Parking Area.

Dune Route and ORV Parking Lot Hay and Manure Clean Up: 3:30p.m. - 5:00p.m.

Utility vehicle provided. **FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE: Please drive the utility vehicle ONLY along the Horse Dune Route for manure pick-up from 3:30p.m. - 5:00p.m. and not during any other times along the Horse Dune Route or other dunes as ALL DUNES AREAS ARE PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLY FROM NOVEMBER 1- MARCH 30.**

Be extra careful when using the utility vehicle near horses and people in the ORV Parking Lot and along the Horse Dune Route.

Encourage participants to pick up their own hay and manure in the ORV Parking Lot.

Be sure the ORV Parking Lot is completely clean of all hay and manure to ensure a “clean slate standard” at the end of each day.

Deposit hay and manure in the Manure Collection Trailer located in the ORV Parking Lot.

Please keep garbage and debris separate from hay and manure as the hay and manure will be spread on a farming field. Do not dispose of any hay nor manure in garbage receptacles.

Thank you, volunteers! YOU are a vital part of the success of the Michigan Great Lakes Shoreline Horseback Riding Pilot Program!!

Sincerely,

**Michigan Department of Natural Resources
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