



into the forests of Crowley's Ridge. The trail is rated as moderately easy.

SOUTH RIDGE TRAIL (H,I,J,K) This trail is 6.5 miles in length. It features scenic views of valleys and streams and is rated as moderately easy. This trail features *some steep areas*. *1 loop is closed to bicycles*.

OLD CATTLE TRAIL (L) This trail is 1.4 miles in length. It follows an old cattle trail and connects the rider to the South Ridge and Beech Valley trails. This trail has *some steep areas*, and is *closed to bicycles*.

DEER RUN TRAIL (M,N,P) This trail is 4.6 miles in length and offers a view of Lake Austell. It follows a portion of the gas pipeline and features *some very steep areas*.

Horse Camp Rates

Village Creek State Park's horse camp features 30 beautiful and spacious campsites, each with water and electric hookups, and a picnic table and grill. A modern bathhouse is located within the camping area and a dump station is located at the campground entrance.

Campsites (30 amp w/ water): Call the park for rates.

Camping Discounts

December–February: 1/2 price

March–November:

Arkansas citizens 62 and over: 50% Sunday–Thursday, 25% off weekends and holiday weekends.

Out-of-state U.S. citizens 62 and over: 25% off Sunday–Thursday

U.S. citizens 100% totally and permanently disabled—50% off year-round.

Reservations and Regulations

- (2-night minimum on weekends; 3-night minimum on holiday weekends); reservations can be made up to one year in advance of your stay. A non-refundable reservation fee equal to one night's stay is required at time of reservation.

- Stall rental is mandatory with campsite rental. Picketing, private pens, and fences are not allowed.

- Horses are not allowed in the campsites for any reason. Please use the hitching posts located just a few yards across the road from your campsite to tack up. We understand this is an inconvenience, but we are trying to accommodate a variety of user groups within the park and to prevent campsite erosion. Thank you for your cooperation.

- The trails are closed when wet. The unusual soil type on Crowley's Ridge is very fragile, and we are trying to protect the trails for future use. This soil type drains quickly after moderate rains and the trails are available for use in a short amount of time. Several days of rain, however, will generally close the trails for a few days. Please contact the park for trail conditions.

- Remove manure and waste hay from stalls and hitching post areas before departure and place in designated areas. Wheelbarrows are provided near the barns for your convenience.

- Do not rinse out your trailer at your campsite.

- Place yellow tickets on your campsite post and stall gates.

- Rinse horses at wash bay only.
- Horses are restricted to the campground, day use parking area, and horse trails only.
- All pets must be kept on leashes.

The approximately 23 miles of trails traverse through high ridge tops, streams, and bottomland forest communities, and offer the rider opportunities to view deer, wild turkeys, and a variety of other wildlife species.

Enjoy your ride, and please take special care when using the trails so that future generations of riders may enjoy them as well.

Remember, the way you care for and use the trails and campground will influence trail management decisions and policies regarding horse use in the park. Thank you.

TO REACH THE PARK: from Interstate 40, take exit 242 (near Forrest City) and travel 12 miles north on Hwy. 284. Follow the signs to the park.

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Equestrian Camp and Trail Guide



Village Creek State Park

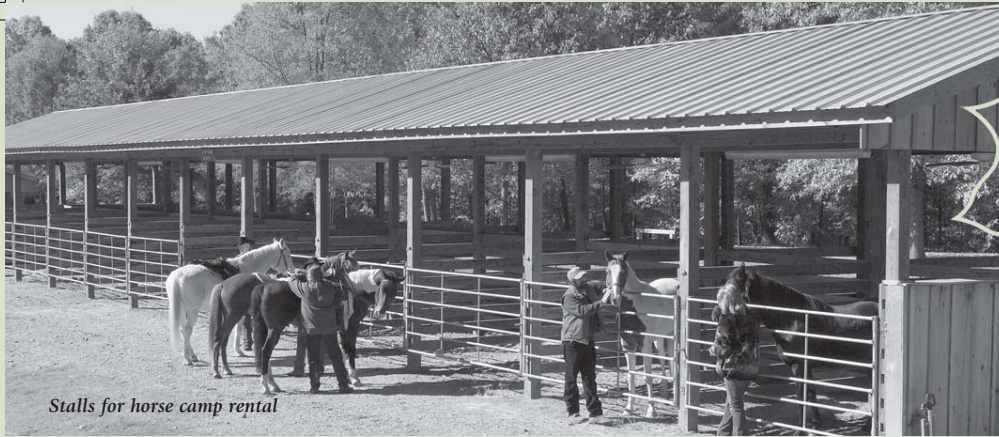
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Stalls for horse camp rental

Horse Trail and Day Use Parking Area Regulations

The multi-use trails at Village Creek State Park traverse some of the most scenic areas of eastern Arkansas. The park offers incredible beauty with towering forests of sugar maple, tuliptree and American beech, but the soil is very fragile and *special care is needed while riding these trails.*

Village Creek State Park lies entirely upon the unique natural division known as Crowley's Ridge. Crowley's Ridge has a very fragile soil known as "loess" which was glacially created and blown in by the wind. This soil is extremely erosive. *For this reason, the multi-use trails are subject to closing to horses and bicycles at any time, depending on wet conditions. Please call ahead for trail closings. Registration at the visitor center is required before using trails.*

- You must register at the visitor center before using horse trails, registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Daily trailer fee is \$5.00 and annual passes are \$50.00. Please call the visitor center before you travel to make sure the trails are open.
- Riding is permitted from 8 a.m. to sunset only; all users must be off the trails before dark.
- Remember to pack your trash out with you. Also, never tie your horse directly to a tree, use pickets and scatter the manure before you leave.

- Racing of horses is prohibited.
- Day riders must park in the horse trailer parking area.
- When passing oncoming horses, keep to the right.
- Never approach another horse at a gait greater than a walk.
- If your horse kicks, tie a red ribbon in its tail to warn others.
- When encountering hikers, be respectful by passing at a walk or stopping if necessary; many people are afraid of horses.
- Horses are allowed on designated trails, trailer parking area and horse camp only.
- Day riders, please place manure back in your trailer. Help us to keep the parking lot area healthy for horses.
- Some parts of the trail are closed to horses (these areas are posted.) Please respect these areas.

Trails and Distances

CENTER RIDGE TRAIL (A,B,C) This trail is 6.05 miles in length. This trail traverses high ridge tops. *B loop is closed to bicycles.* This trail rated as moderately easy.

BEECH VALLEY TRAIL (D,E,F,G) This trail is 4 miles in length. The trail passes near Lake Dunn and deep

Village Creek State Park Multi-Use Trail System

