



## Responsible Horseback Riding

*Banks-Vernonia State Trail*



- Downhill traffic yields to uphill traffic.
- Keep right, pass left.
- Maintain a safe distance between riders.
- Never ride alone. If you must do so, tell someone where you plan to go and when you plan to return.
- Remember to share the trail with others. Be sure to let cyclists and hikers know the best way to get around your group.
- Respect the environment. By using common sense and common courtesy, what is available today will be here to enjoy tomorrow.

### Trail Courtesy



*Nehalem Bay State Park*

- Park only in designated areas. Don't block the trail gates, roads or driveways.
- Ride only on trails designated for horse use and other areas open to horses. Be aware of prohibited areas. Cutting switchbacks and taking shortcuts destroy vegetation and encourage others to use the unauthorized route.
- Pets are required to be on a 6-foot leash (maximum) on the trails, trailheads and campground, and must be under physical control at all times. Owners of pets running loose may receive warnings or fines.
- Ask a park ranger for a trail map and information about park areas that may be closed to horseback riding, or for specific park policies on horse use.
- The horses to corrals or horse trailers, not to trees.
- Please ride single file and in the middle of the trail.
- Avoid muddy or soggy areas, especially riverbanks.
- Keep corrals free of straw and animal waste. Remove animal waste from parking areas and hitchhiking post areas/trailheads.
- Please respect private property along state trails.
- Pack it in, pack it out.

### Trail Rules

*Silver Falls State Park*



*Tryon Creek State Natural Area*

### How to Volunteer

Oregon State Parks welcomes and thanks the many dedicated individuals and organizations that volunteer their time or donate materials to their favorite park riding areas. Our trails and camps wouldn't be the same without you. If you or your organization is interested in adopting a horse trail or camping area, please call the toll-free State Parks Volunteer Hotline, 1-877-225-9803.

- Horses are prohibited in the main overnight campgrounds and developed day-use areas.
- A 6-foot leash (maximum) is required for pets, which must be under physical control at all times. Please remove any pet waste from the equestrian campground.
- Camping allowed in designated areas only. Do not camp along trails.
- Ask a park ranger for rules or policies specific to the park you visit.

### Campground Rules

## Horse Heaven



### Camping & Trail Guide



*Bullards Beach State Park*

Call the State Parks Information Center,  
800-551-6949, for additional information  
on horse trails and horse camping.

Check out other  
Oregon State Parks by visiting  
[www.oregonstateparks.org](http://www.oregonstateparks.org)

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Write to OPRD, 725 Summer St. NE, Suite C, Salem, OR 97301;  
or call 1-800-551-6949 (for the hearing impaired 1-800-735-2900).

Whether you ride the more than 200 miles of trails or spread your bedroll in one of our eight horse camps, an equestrian getaway in an Oregon state park will give you campfire fodder to last a lifetime.

Looking to cover a little ground? Try the 100-mile OC&E Woods Line State Trail east of Klamath Falls or the 21-mile Banks-Vernonia State Trail west of Portland. If you like the sound of waves and the purplish-blue glow of an ocean sunset, then six state parks with beach access are for you. Meadows, woodlands and wetlands are typical features of parks such as Elijah Bristow, Willamette Mission and Milo McIver.

Call the State Parks Information Center,  
800-551-6949, for more information on horse trails and horse camping.

### Guided Riding

Don't own a horse, but want to enjoy a horseback ride? Horse rental companies can put you on the trail at these parks:

**Nehalem Bay State Park**, three miles south of Manzanita. Guided rides featuring majestic ocean shore views begin in the day-use area. The park has a six-mile trail for horseback riding.

**Pistol River State Scenic Viewpoint**, 11 miles south of Gold Beach. Enjoy the park's spectacular seascape on a ride through its dunes and on the beach at any time of year.

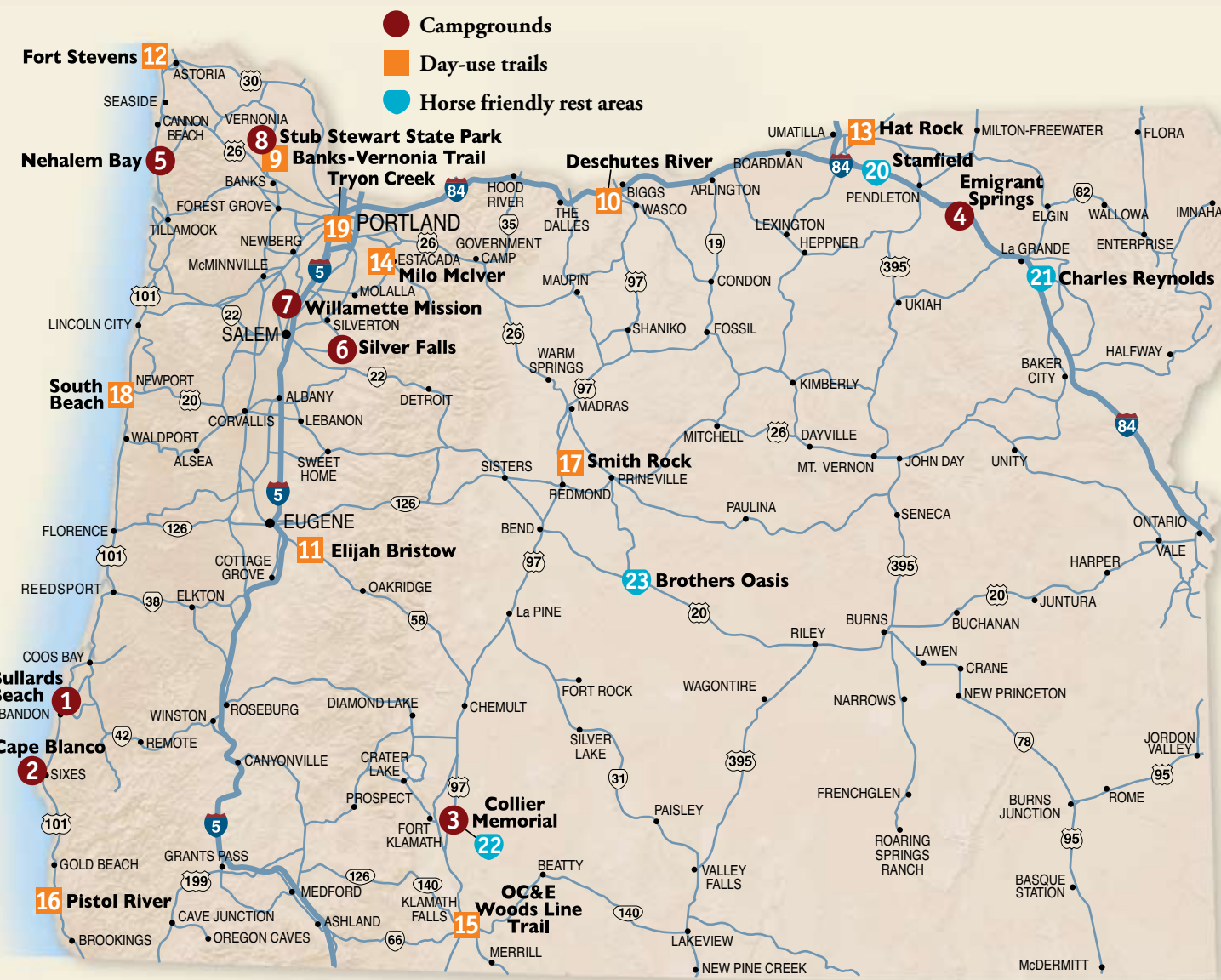


*Nehalem Bay State Park*

**Silver Falls State Park**, 26 miles east of Salem. More than 25 miles of multi-purpose trails wind through Oregon's largest state park, making it a natural destination for guided horseback tours.

For information on the rental companies to contact for reservations, call 1-800-551-6949, or visit the parks online at [www.oregonstateparks.org](http://www.oregonstateparks.org).





## Horse Camping

Unless noted, sites in horse camps may be reserved.  
Camping rates vary. Call 1-800-452-5687 or go online to [www.oregonstateparks.org](http://www.oregonstateparks.org) for up-to-date information. To make or cancel a reservation, please call Reservations Northwest at 1-800-452-5687. Day-use fee noted where required.

- 1 Bullards Beach State Park**  
U.S. 101, 2 miles north of Bandon  
**Trails:** 4½ miles of beach. 7 miles of designated trails, one leads to Coquille River Lighthouse.  
**Sites:** 8 primitive. 3 sites with double wood stalls for 2 horses, 5 sites with quadruple wood stalls for 4 horses.  
**Features:** Picnic tables, fire rings, drinking water, portable toilets. Showers/flush toilets in main campground.  
**Other Info:** Stalls have chain gates. Please clean the site and stalls and dispose of trash and manure in the designated area. Parking and hitching posts available for day-use visitors.



Cape Blanco State Park.

- 2 Cape Blanco State Park**  
Off U.S. 101, 9 miles north of Port Orford  
**Trails:** 7 miles of riding trails. 150-acre open riding area. Beach access.  
**Sites:** 8 primitive. 6 sites share 3, 14' x 14' corrals for 2 horses; 2 pull-through sites each with double corrals for 4 horses. Hitching posts located in the camp.  
**Features:** Picnic tables, fire rings, drinking water. Showers/flush toilets in main campground.  
**3 Collier Memorial State Park**  
U.S. 97, 30 miles north of Klamath Falls. 25 miles south-east of the south entrance to Crater Lake National Park.

**Trails:** 10 miles of multi-use trail connecting Collier Park to Kimball State Recreation Site available in adjacent Winema National Forest. USFS road map recommended.  
**Sites:** One large area at the equestrian trailhead. Four 12' x 12' corrals. Pumice ground surface. Accommodates 10 horse trailers.  
**Features:** Corrals, water (except winter), hitching post, tables and garbage receptacles. Fees are collected for overnight use. Campfires are not allowed. Public restrooms available in nearby Spring Creek Day-Use Area (except winter).

**Other Info:** The Collier-Kimball trail follows low-use primitive roads and is designed for horseback riders, hikers and mountain bikers. Please carry a U.S. Forest Service road map.  
Campground open April 1-Oct. 31, depending on weather conditions. Call 1-800-551-6949 for up-to-date information.

- 4 Emigrant Springs State Heritage Area**  
I-84, 26 miles southeast of Pendleton  
**Trails:** Short horse trail meanders through the park. Access available to miles of trails outside the park. Please ask a park ranger for more information.  
**Sites:** 7 primitive sites (6 reservable), each with a 14' x 14' corral. A maximum of 2 horses per site preferred.  
**Features:** Picnic tables, fire rings, drinking water. Showers/flush toilets in main campground.  
**Other Info:** The horse camping area may be closed during the winter due to snow. Call 1-800-551-6949, or the park, 541-983-2277, for up-to-date information.

- 5 Nehalem Bay State Park**  
Off U.S. 101, 3 miles south of Manzanita Junction  
**Trails:** 6 miles of trail and beach access. Please ride on designated trails and only on the beach west of the fore dune.  
**Sites:** 17 primitive sites, each with two 11' x 11' stalls. Maximum of 4 horses, although 2 horses per site recommended.  
**Features:** Warm-up corral, picnic tables, fire ring, drinking water nearby. Showers/flush toilets in main campground.

- 6 Silver Falls State Park—Howard Creek Horse Camp**  
OR 214, 26 miles east of Salem  
**Trails:** 21 miles of multi-use trails. Please observe restricted use signs on trails and follow proper trail courtesy when encountering other trail users.  
**Sites:** 6 primitive. 5 sites with a set of 4 corrals each. Maximum 8 people/4 horses per site. One group site with 12 corrals. Maximum 24 people/12 horses. For more information, please see the **Silver Falls State Park Trail Guide** and the **Where to Stay at Silver Falls State Park** guide.  
**Features:** Picnic tables, fire rings, drinking water, vault toilets. Showers/flush toilets in main campground.  
**Other Info:** Day-use parking, hitching rails and loading ramp at the 214 Trailhead.

- 7 Willamette Mission State Park**  
Off I-5, 8 miles north of Salem  
**Trails:** 5 miles of riding trails.  
**Sites:** 4 primitive, each with 1 corral divided into 4 stalls. Maximum 4 horses per site.



Willamette Mission State Park.

**Special Features:** Picnic tables, fire rings, vault toilets. Flush toilet nearby.  
**Other Info:** The area is subject to flooding from the Willamette River in winter and early spring. The park or trails may be closed due to high water. Before your trip, please call 503-393-1172 to listen to an updated recorded message.

- 8 Stub Stewart State Park**  
Off Oregon 47, four miles north of the U.S. 26–OR 47 intersection  
**Trails:** More than 20 miles of multi-use trails. Please see park trail map for limits on equestrian use. Access to 21-mile Banks-Vernonia State Trail.  
**Sites:** 14 full hookup sites with 4-stall corrals, 2 double-size full hookup sites with 6-stall corrals.  
**Features:** Universal access parking, picnic table, fire ring at all sites. Manure bins, flush toilets and hot showers.  
**Other Info:** Stalls have chain gates. Please clean the site and stalls and dispose of trash and manure in designated areas. Clayhill Horse Staging Area includes large gravel day-use area for truck and horse trailer parking; vault toilets. Equestrians must spread or kick animal waste off the trail, or move your animal to the side of the trail.

## Parks with Trails only

Day-use fee noted where required.

- 9 Banks-Vernonia State Trail**  
OR 47, Banks to Vernonia  
**Trail:** 21-mile trail that follows an abandoned railbed between Banks and Vernonia.  
**Special Features:** The Tophill Trailhead and Buxton Trailhead have ADA-accessible equestrian loading platforms, hitching posts, parking and restrooms. For more information, see the **Banks-Vernonia State Trail Guide**.  
**10 Deschutes River State Recreation Area**  
Off OR 206, 15 miles east of The Dalles. Eastbound on I-84, take Exit 97. Westbound, use Exit 104 at Biggs Junction. Follow the signs on Oregon 206 to reach the park.  
**Trail:** 22-mile round trip Railbed Trail runs along the Deschutes River canyon. Horseback riding is open to day use March 1-June 30, **by advance reservation only**. 10 horses per day allowed on the trail.  
**Other Info:** Please stay on the trail, and do not water horses at the river's edge. Trailhead parking at the park entrance. Please remove horse manure from the parking lot immediately. For additional information, see the **Deschutes State Recreation Area Trail Guide**.  
**Reservations:** Call 1-800-452-5687 for reservations. A confirmation letter from the reservation office will be mailed to you. The confirmation letters must be stamped at the park upon arrival and *must* be kept on your vehicle dash in clear view while you are on the trail.

- 11 Elijah Bristow State Park**  
OR 58, 16 mi. southeast of Eugene  
**Trails:** 12 miles of multi-use trails.  
**Features:** A large equestrian staging area includes horse trailer parking, corrals, hitching posts, picnic shelter, tables, water, electricity and toilets. For more information, see the **Southern Willamette Valley Parks** guide.



Elijah Bristow State Park.

- 12 Fort Stevens State Park**  
Off U.S. 101, 10 miles west of Astoria  
**Trails:** Beach access from Lot A. Also see **Fort Stevens State Park Trail Guide & Historic Military Site**. Day-use fee.  
**13 Hat Rock State Park**  
U.S. 730, 9 miles east of Umatilla on Columbia River's Lake Wallula behind McNary Dam  
**Trail:** A 1-mile portion of the 10-mile Lewis and Clark Commemorative Trail winds through the park.  
**Features:** Hitching posts, water trough, restroom.  
**Other Info:** Primary trailhead is at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Warehouse Beach Recreation Area. Please call the Corps' recreation information number, 541-922-2268, for trailhead information.  
**14 Milo McIver State Park**  
Springwater Road, 4 miles west of Estacada  
**Trails:** 7 miles of multi-use trails.  
**Features:** Trailhead in the southern day-use area. Hitching posts, 1 large corral and an ADA-accessible ramp. Drinking water available year-round. For more information, please see the **Milo McIver Campground** brochure. Day-use fee.

- 15 OC&E Woods Line State Trail**  
OR 39, Klamath Falls  
**Trail:** 100-mile trail built on an old railbed.  
**Features:** 54-mile (Main Line) segment from Klamath Falls to Bly suitable for horseback riding. Good equestrian access within this section located at the Switchbacks Trailhead. Other access points located at Highway 39, Sycan Siding and Bly trailheads. The Woods Line is a 35-mile spur offering improved equestrian access at the Horse Glade Trailhead. See the **OC&E Woods Line State Trail Guide** for more information.  
**Other Info:** Please travel single file and use the wood chip trail where possible. After crossing Oregon 39, the trail enters farm and ranch lands. Please close all gates as you pass.

- 16 Pistol River State Scenic Viewpoint**  
U.S. 101, 11 miles south of Gold Beach  
**Trail:** Approximately 2 miles of beach access.

- 17 Smith Rock State Park**  
Off U.S. 97, 9 miles northeast of Redmond  
**Trails:** Several miles of multi-use trails throughout the park. Access to trails in the Crooked River National Grasslands.  
**Features:** Trailer parking at the Rim Trail and Memorial Viewpoint parking area. Day-use fee.



South Jetty—South Beach State Park.

- 18 South Jetty adjacent to South Beach State Park**  
U.S. 101 just south of Yaquina Bay Bridge in Newport  
**Trail:** Beach access. Short trail leads from the parking area to miles of beach.  
**Features:** Parking area includes hitching posts, portable toilet.

- 19 Tryon Creek State Natural Area**  
Off I-5, Terwilliger Blvd., SW Portland  
**Trails:** 2.1-mile North Horse Loop and 3.1-mile West Horse Loop. The .35-mile Boones Ferry Trail and the .47-mile Englewood Trail are spur trails that lead out of the park.  
**Features:** Packed gravel trail surface supports horse traffic in wet weather. Horseback riders must stay on horse trails and ride single file. Water is available during the summer. For more information, see the **Tryon Creek Trail Guide**.  
**Other Info:** The equestrian parking lot is at the main entrance to the park and includes the North Horse Loop trailhead. Groups of 4 or more trailers, please call ahead for parking arrangements, 503-636-9886.

## Traveling with Horses

Safety rest areas along Oregon highways offer a stopping place for travelers to take a break from driving, relax or use the restroom. Several rest areas in central and eastern Oregon include facilities for horses. For information on all rest areas in Oregon and highway driving conditions, visit [www.tripcheck.com](http://www.tripcheck.com).

### Interstate 84

- 20 Stanfield—20 miles west of Pendleton**  
Eastbound and Westbound (ODOT rest area)  
Restrooms, picnic tables, drinking water, horse area, public telephones, accessible facilities, kiosk/historical marker, vending machines.  
**21 Charles Reynolds—9 miles east of La Grande**  
Eastbound and Westbound (ODOT rest area)  
Restrooms, picnic tables, drinking water, horse area, public telephones, accessible facilities, RV sanitary dump station, kiosk/historical marker, vending machines.

### U.S. 97

- 22 Collier Memorial State Park—30 miles north of Klamath Falls**  
Southbound and northbound highway access (museum exit)  
Horses may rest at the equestrian trailhead (behind the Logging Museum). Trailhead features corrals, water (except winter), hitching post, garbage receptacles and tables. Access may be unavailable in winter.  
**U.S. 20**  
**23 Brothers Oasis—41 miles east of Bend**  
Westbound with Eastbound signing and access (ODOT rest area)  
Restrooms, picnic tables, drinking water, horse area, accessible facilities.