

A GUIDE FROM THE VIRGINIA HORSE COUNCIL

Virginia Horse Trails



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No hour of life is wasted that is spent in the saddle.

—Winston Churchill

If you own horses and enjoy trail riding, you've probably visited one of Virginia's many public horse trails. Responsible use of these trails is critical to ensure that our current recreational opportunities are preserved for the future.

To learn more about how the VHC works "to keep the ride alive," visit www.virginiahorsecouncil.org.

To learn more about the Virginia Horse Industry Board and its efforts to promote the industry, visit www.vhib.org.

Read on to learn more about our public trails, the need to follow unwritten as well as posted rules, the importance of the "Leave No Trace" ethic, and how to join the growing number of equestrians taking time out of the saddle to contribute to trails preservation. Volunteer involvement will help ensure that future generations have available the same – or better – trail resources than what we enjoy today.



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The Virginia Horse Council

The Virginia Horse Council (VHC) is your voice for the equine industry in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Council is a not-for-profit organization formed by horsemen for Virginia horsemen. The membership and Board of Directors represent all breeds and interests. The purpose of the Virginia Horse Council is to promote and improve the horse industry in Virginia.

Our mission is to serve as the umbrella organization of the Virginia equine community and to serve as the lobbyist on issues affecting, horsemen, horsewomen and horses in the Commonwealth. This is a mission that your Virginia Horse Council Board of Directors takes seriously and is both committed to following and is dedicated to fulfilling.

All horsemen are eligible for membership. By expanding our membership, we can attain even more influence in the public arena. Please visit our website www.virginiahorsecouncil.org or call or email our office (888) 467-7382 / info@virginiahorsecouncil.org to learn more about the VHC and how you can join.

The Horse Industry Board

The Virginia Horse Industry Board (VHIB) was established in 1994 as the result of legislation and a statewide referendum. The Board is responsible for the promotion and economic development of the horse industry in Virginia and operates through the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Activities of the Board are supported by the Virginia Horse Industry Promotion and Development fund. As assessment of \$1.50 on each Equine Infectious Anemia (Coggins) Test performed in the state generates money for the fund. Additionally, the Horse Board receives funding annually from an equine feed checkoff program that was implemented in 2006. Each year, the Board reviews grant proposals and considers projects in the areas of education, marketing, and research. For more information about the VHIB visit www.vhib.org.

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Trail Administration

The Virginia Horse Council has developed comprehensive regional listings of the state's public horse trails on the Virginia Outdoors website, www.virginiaoutdoors.com. Riders are encouraged to submit updates and pictures to further enhance the website.

Trail location, mileage, terrain, trail markings and helpful suggestions — such as when to ride to avoid biting insects — are listed for each trail, along with rules specific to that location.

Trail users should take care to read and obey the posted requirements for each type of public trail — federal, state, regional and local, which may include payment of a daily use fee or purchase of an annual pass or permit.

Remember—riders must carry a copy of the horses negative Coggins report when riding on public lands.

Trail system administrators include:

National Parks - Our state's national parks include Manassas, Petersburg and Yorktown Battlefield, administered by the National Park Service, www.nps.gov.

National Forests - George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, administered by the U.S. Forest Service, www.fs.fed.us.

State Parks - Administered by the Dept. of Conservation and Recreation, www.dcr.virginia.gov.

State Forests - Administered by the Dept. of Forestry, www.dof.virginia.gov. Annual state forestry use permit required. Purchase anywhere hunting licenses are sold.

Wildlife Management Areas - Administered by the Virginia Dept. of Game and Inland Fisheries, www.dgif.virginia.gov. Annual WMA access permit required. Purchase anywhere hunting licenses are sold.

Local and Regional Parks - Administered locally by counties and various park authorities.



Virginia's Top Trails

Our state's most popular horse trails, based on the 2008 Virginia Equestrian Tourism Survey:

- Manassas National Battlefield Park
- Powhatan Wildlife Management Area
- James River State Park
- Petersburg National Battlefield Park
- Lake Anna State Park
- Graves Mountain area trails
- Beaverdam Park
- Bull Run Regional Park
- Great Falls National Park
- Sky Meadows State Park
- Shenandoah River State Park
- Pleasant Grove Heritage Trail
- Fountainhead Regional Park
- Staunton River State Park
- Cumberland State Forest
- Northwest River Park
- Phelps Wildlife Management Area
- George Washington National Forest

Organized rides on private lands are also gaining in popularity.



Trail Use—and Overuse

Just how popular are Virginia’s public horse trails? A recent Virginia Horse Industry Board survey found that 48 percent of Virginia’s horse owners trail ride on a regular basis, with a majority logging 200-500 miles annually.* With an estimated 220,000 horses in Virginia, this means no small number of hooves hitting our trails!

Both one-day and overnight pleasure and competitive trail rides are growing in popularity. A growing population of horses and humans means our public lands are busier than ever before. Litter and pollution are too frequently seen on our trails, along with overuse that gives vegetation, soil and water little time to recover.

Here are ways you can reduce our impact on riding trails:

- Leave the trail better than you found it. Creating a detour around a fallen tree is not a desirable option, since it may affect fragile habitat. Instead, if you cannot easily clear fallen limbs and branches during your ride, report the damage to the trail administrator after your ride.
- Don’t leave a mess at the parking area. Scatter manure—or better yet—pack out your manure in your trailer, being careful to follow any posted signs.
- Do not tie horses to trees. Picket lines should employ protection for the tree (no bare ropes) or consider investing in a portable corral or hi-tie for your trailer.
- Use good judgment about when to ride. Riding after a heavy rain or snowfall can lead to long-lasting trail damage and erosion. Wait until the mud dries up to hit the trail—or choose a more weather-resistant place to ride—such as a packed dirt road.

For more information about Virginia Trails visit the VHC website or www.virginiaoutdoors.com.

* 2008 Virginia Equestrian Tourism Survey



The “Leave No Trace” Ethic

Whether leaving a camping area in pristine condition or postponing that ride until soggy trails are dry, riders can take steps to minimally affect public trails and prevent wearing out our welcome with land managers. “Leave No Trace” guidelines to lessen impact on public lands include:

1. Plan ahead & prepare
2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces
3. Dispose of waste properly
4. Leave what you find
5. Minimize campfire impacts
6. Respect wildlife
7. Be considerate of other visitors

Specific examples include camping at least 200 feet away from water sources, moving picketed or corralled animals frequently and using weed-free hay and feed. More information is available at www.LNT.org, www.BCHVA.com and www.backcountryhorse.com.

Other trail resources:

The Equine Conservation Land Resource (ELCR) website: www.elcr.org

The “Horses and Equestrian Trails” section of www.AmericanTrails.org

Equestrian Design Guidebook to Trails, Trailheads and Campgrounds, www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/fspubs/07232816/

Tread Lightly! Tips for Responsible Horseback Riding: www.treadlightly.org/page.php/education-recreation-tips/recreation-tips.html

Trail Etiquette

Because horses are larger and more unpredictable, they technically have right-of-way over other trail users. A rider may not always have total control over his or her horse, which is a sensitive prey animal with a mind of its own, but the rider is still responsible for knowing what to do when meeting other types of users on trail. Bicycles can be especially frightening to horses because they are so quiet and can move fast, like a predator.

Tips for sharing our trails:

- Be polite when meeting other trail users. If you have a chance to talk with them, educate other users understand how horses behave and how we all can work to preserve our trails.
- If you encounter a biker or other user who you are concerned may spook your horse, be sure to communicate politely and clearly, as they may not always know what to do around horses.
- When being passed, turn your horse's head towards the horse or person passing you so there is no chance of your horse kicking.
- When passing another trail user, ask permission first and wait for a wide enough section of trail to pass safely.
- Yield to uphill, oncoming trail users. A smaller party should also yield to a larger group, since its easier for small groups to move off trail.
- Stay on the trail to avoid spoiling fragile areas. Cutting across switchbacks can cause erosion and leaving the trail in unfamiliar areas also can be dangerous.



Caring for Our Trails

Since even a minor storm can result in tree limbs and debris blocking the trail, horse trails require ongoing maintenance to remain useable.

In hilly areas, storm runoff can lead to damaging erosion if the trail is not properly constructed.

While most trail maintenance does not require special training, to construct trail or operate chain saws on public property, you must have prior training and obtain authorization. Each spring, the George Washington National Forest’s Lee Ranger District Office in Edinburg offers a two-day chainsaw certification course.

To get more involved with maintaining our current trails or building new ones, contact the administrator of your favorite public trails and ask how you can help. For examples, Virginia State Parks has a volunteers program you can join.

If you belong to a horse organization, see if they'll consider fundraising and/or dedicating a portion of their revenue to supplies needed for trail maintenance.

Please share this brochure with others you may meet on trail. Additional copies may be requested by contacting the the Virginia Horse Council at www.virginiahorsecouncil.org or 888-HORSEVA (888-467-7382).

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Location	County	Phone	Mileage	Fee [†]	Permit required	Camping	Comments
CENTRAL REGION							
Amelia Wildlife Management Area (WMA)	Amelia	703-250-9124	7	Y	Y	N	Fee/permit required.
Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest	Appomattox	434-983-2175	22	N	Y	Y	State Forest Recreation permit required. Primitive camping permitted.
Cumberland State Forest	Cumberland	804-492-4121	20	N	Y	Y	Cumberland Multi-use Trail trail ends at Bear Creek Lake State Park. Primitive camping at State Forestry Office. State Forest Recreation permit required.
Dorey Park	Hanover	804-795-2334	4	N	N	N	Two riding arenas available for rent by reservation.
Five Forks Battlefield, National Park Service	Dinwiddie	804-469-4093	6	Y	N	N	Annual pass available.
High Bridge Trail State Park	Appomattox, Cumberland, Prince Edward, Nottoway	434-315-0457	31*	Y	N	N	Best parking at Prospect lot. No water access on trail. High bike traffic. Dismount to cross bridges.
Horsepen Lake Wildlife Management Area (WMA)	Buckingham	804-525-7522	5	Y	Y	N	Fee/permit required.
James River State Park	Buckingham	434-933-4355	15.5	Y	N	Y	Two equestrian campgrounds available by reservation. 26 stalls, 15 campsites.
Patricia Ann Byrom Forest Preserve Park	Albemarle	434-296-5844	6.6	N	N	N	Steep, difficult trails.
Petersburg National Battlefield Park	Prince George	804-732-3531	10	Y	N	N	Annual pass available.
Pleasant Grove	Fluvanna	434-842-3150	12	Y	N	N	
Pocahontas State Park	Chesterfield	804-796-4255	13	Y	N	N	Show and schooling rings available. Bright Hope Trail is partially carriage accessible.
Powhatan Wildlife Management Area	Powhatan	804-403-3261	unknown	N	Y	N	Fee/permit required.
Preddy Creek Trail Park	Albemarle	434-296-5844	8.6	Y	N	N	
Prince-Edward Gallion State Forest Multi-use Trail	Prince Edward	804-492-4121	8.4	N	Y	N	Purchase permit where hunting licenses are sold. Additional 11.9 miles of forest roads.
Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail	Amherst & Nelson	434-263-7130 434-946-9371	6.9*	N	N	N	
Washington Lacy Park	Hanover	804-365-4695	6	N	N	N	

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NORTHERN REGION — Fairfax Co. Park Authority							
Burke Lake Park	Fairfax	703-323-6601	2.5*	Y	N	N	Fee for non-country residents.
Cross County Trail (CCT)	Fairfax	703-324-8701	19.9*	N	N	N	Several sections of this cross county are open to horses.
Clarks Crossing Park	Fairfax	703-324-8701	3.2	N	N	N	Connects to W&OD and CCT.
Colvin Run Stream Valley Park	Fairfax	703-759-2771	3	N	N	N	Connects to W&OD, CCT, and Rails to River Trails.
Difficult Run Stream Valley Park	Fairfax	703-324-8701	4*	N	N	N	Part of CCT and RRT.
Fred Crabtree Park (formerly Fox Mill District Park)	Fairfax	703-324-8701	1.2	N	N	N	
Frying Pan Park	Fairfax	703-437-8261	3	N	N	N	Cross country course and equestrian facility. Fee for Indoor arena.
Lake Accotink Park	Fairfax	703-569-0285	3.8	N	N	N	Connects to CCT.
Lake Fairfax Park	Fairfax	703-324-8701	9.5	N	N	N	Connects to W&OD, CCT, and Rails to River Trails.
Laurel Hill Park and Laurel Hill Greenway at Lorton	Fairfax	703-324-8702	9	N	N	N	Connects to CCT.
Rails to River Trail (RRT)	Fairfax	703-324-8701	8	Y	N	N	Fee only at Great Falls National Park.
Riverbend County Park	Fairfax	703-759-9018	5.5	N	N	N	
Tamarack Park	Fairfax	703-324-8701	1.5	N	N	N	Connects to W&OD and CCT.
Turner Farm	Fairfax	703-324-8702	1	N	N	N	Novice level cross country course.
NORTHERN REGION — Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority							
Algonkian Regional Park	Loudoun	703-450-4655	3	N	N	N	Equestrian accessible part of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail.
Bull Run-Occoquan Trail (BROT)	Fairfax	703-352-5900	17.5	Y	N	N	Fee only for non-county residents.
Bull Run Regional Park	Fairfax	703-631-0550	9	Y	N	N	Fee only for non-county residents. Links to BROT.

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NORTHERN REGION — Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority cont.							
Hemlock Overlook Regional Park	Fairfax	703-352-5900	5	N	N	N	Links to BROT.
Fountainhead Regional Park	Fairfax	703-250-9124	10	N	N	N	Links to BROT.
Meadowlark Botanical Gardens Regional Park	Fairfax	703-255-3631	0.75	N	N	N	Connects to W&OD.
Pohick Bay Regional Park	Fairfax	703-339-6104	3.3	Y	N	N	Fee only for non-county residents. Option to ride to Meadowood and Gunston Hall.
Temple Hall Farm Park	Fairfax	703-779-9372	4	N	N	N	Carriage accessible. Open Apr. - Nov. Closed on Mondays.
W &OD Railroad Regional Park	Fairfax & Loudoun	703-729-0596	32*	N	N	N	High use urban rail-trail conversion. Links to multiple parks.
NORTHERN REGION — Prince William County Park Authority							
Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park	Prince William	703-791-4068	2.7	N	N	N	Carriage accessible.
James S. Long Regional Park	Prince William	703-791-4068	4.5	N	N	N	Rings available for rent.
Nokesville Community Park	Prince William	703-791-4068	2.5	N	N	N	Rings available for rent.
Silver Lake Regional Park	Prince William	703-791-4068	3.5	N	N	N	
Valley View Park	Prince William	703-791-4068	1.5	N	N	N	
NORTHERN REGION — National Park Service							
Great Falls National Park	Fairfax	703-285-2965	10	Y	N	N	Connects to Difficult Run Stream Valley Trail, Riverbend Park, CCT, Rails to River Trail, and PHNST.
Manassas Battlefield National Park	Prince William	703-361-1339	21	Y	N	N	Purchase day use pass before parking or buy annual pass.
Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail (PHNST)	Loudoun, Fairfax, Prince William	304-535-4014	12.3	Y	N	N	Some facilities along the trail charge fees.
Rock Creek Park	Washington, DC	202-362-0117	13	N	N	N	Rental horses available.

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NORTHERN REGION — State Forests							
Conway Robinson State Forest	Prince William	703-777-0457	5.6	N	Y	N	Annual State Forest permit required.
Whitney State Forest	Fauquier	540-347-6358	6.8	N	Y	N	Annual State Forest permit required.
NORTHERN REGION — State Parks							
Lake Anna State Park	Spotsylvania	540-854-5503	12.3	Y	N	N	
Sky Meadows State Park	Clarke & Fauquier	703-592-3556	6	Y	N	N	
NORTHERN REGION — Wildlife Management Areas							
C.F. Phelps Wildlife Management Area (WMA)	Fauquier & Culpeper	540-899-4169	15	N	Y	N	Fee/permit required.
G. Richard Thompson Wildlife Management Area (WMA)	Fauquier	540-899-4169	10	N	Y	N	Fee/permit required.
NORTHERN REGION — Other Facilities							
Evergreen Mills Equestrian & Hiking Trail	Loudoun	703-777-0343	5	N	N	N	Temporarily closed. Call for status.
Franklin Park	Loudoun	703-338-7603	3.5	N	N	N	
Meadowood Recreation Area	Fairfax	703-339-8009	6	N	N	N	Connects to Pohick Bay Regional Park & Gunston Hall.
Morven Park	Loudoun	703-777-2890	5	Y	Y	N	Restrictions: Mon.- Fri. only. Fee and orientation required before riding or driving.
CHESAPEAKE REGION							
Beaverdam Park	Gloucester	804-693-2107	9.5*	N	N	N	
Belle Isle State Park	Lancaster	804-462-5030	4.9	Y	N	N	Portions carriage accessible with special permission.
Sandy Point State Forest	King William	804-966-2201	12	N	Y	N	Annual State Forest permit required.
EASTERN REGION							
Assateague Island National Seashore	Accomack & Worcester Co, MD	757-336-6577	4*	Y	Y	Y	Seasonal camping on MD section.

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HAMPTON ROADS REGION							
Chippokes Plantation State Park	Surry	757-294-3625	10	Y	N	N	
Big Woods State Forest	Sussex	804-834-2300	9.7	N	Y	N	Annual State Forest permit required. Riding allowed on interior roads but limited parking along state roads.
Dismal Swamp Canal Trail	City of Chesapeake	757-382-6411	8.5*	N	N	N	
Lone Star Lakes Park	Suffolk	757-255-4308	2*	Y	N	N	
Newport News City Park	City of Newport News	804-888-3333	5.3	N	N	N	Connects to Yorktown Battlefield Trail. Riding arena.
Northwest River Park	City of Chesapeake	757-421-7151	5	Y	N	N	
Sandy Bottom Natural Area	City of Hampton	757-825-4657	3.3	N	N	N	
West Neck Creek Natural Area	City of Va Beach	757-385-1100	3	N	N	N	
York River State Park	James City	757-566-3036	12	Y	N	N	
Yorktown Battlefield	York	757-898-2410	unknown	Y	N	N	Connects to Newport News City Park.
SHENANDOAH REGION							
Blandy Experimental Farm -State Arboretum of Virginia	Clarke	540-837-1758	5.5	N	N	N	No fee, but donation box at trailhead.
Carvins Cove Natural Reserve	Roanoke	540-563-9170	40	Y	N	N	
Douthat State Park	Bath & Alleghany	540-862-8100	6	Y	N	Y	14 campsites with stalls. Alleghany Highlands Multi-use Trail passes through park. Most trails on National Forest. Maps & GPS highly recommended.
Greenfield Equestrian Trail	Botetourt	540-473-8326	3.8*	N	N	N	
Paul State Forest	Rockingham	434-977-6555	1.2	N	Y	N	Annual State Forest permit required.
Rapidan Wildlife Management Area (WMA)	Madison	540-899-4169	unknown	N	Y	N	Fee/permit required. Access from Shenandoah National Park and Graves Mountain area.
Raymond R “Andy” Guest, Jr. / Shenandoah River State Park	Warren	540-622-6840	14.1	Y	N	N	

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SHENANDOAH REGION CONT.							
Roanoke Valley Horse Trail	Roanoke	828-298-0398	16*	N	N	N	Trail in two sections (12 and 4 miles) separated by river.
Shenandoah National Park	Page, Warren, Rappahannock, Madison, Green, Albemarle, Rockingham, and Augusta	540-999-2243	200+	Y	N	N	Backcountry trails. Popular destinations include Big Meadows, Camp Hoover, and Sky Meadows. Fee if entering from Skyline Drive.
BLUE RIDGE HIGHLANDS REGION							
Crooked Creek Equine/Recreational Trail	Carroll	276-730-3100	10.6	N	Y	N	Fee/permit required. Limited parking in WMA lot.
Grayson Highlands State Park	Grayson	276-579-7092	~10	Y	N	Y	24 campsites with 41 standing stalls. Virginia Highlands Horse Trail passes through park. Equestrian Campground.
Fairy Stone State Park	Henry and Patrick	276-930-2424	10	Y	N	Y	10 campsites with stalls.
Fairy Stone Farms Wildlife Management Area (WMA)	Henry and Patrick	434-525-7522	15	N	Y	N	Fee/permit required.
Matthews State Forest	Grayson	276-236-2322	5.8	N	Y	N	Annual State Forest permit required. Riding limited to roads and open fields.
Philpott Lake - Dogwood Glen Trail	Henry	276-629-2703	4.5*	Y	N	N	
Richmond and Danville Rail-Trail (Ringgold Trail)	Pittsylvania	276-634-2545	5.6*	N	N	N	Part of the planned "Beaches to Bluegrass" trans-Virginia trail.
New River Trail State Park	Pulaski, Wythe, Carroll, and Grayson	276-699-6778	57*	Y	N	Y	3 ride-in campsites at Cliffview Campground at South end of park (near Galax). Equestrian facility with arena at Foster Falls. Rental horses available. Connects to Virginia Highlands Horse Trail.
Turkeycock Mountain Wildlife Management Area (WMA)	Franklin and Henry	434-525-7522	unknown	N	Y	N	Fee/permit required.
Waid Park	Franklin	540-483-9293	7	N	N	N	
HEART OF APPALACHIA REGION							
Cumberland & Pine Mt. Trail	Wise	540-328-2931	26.4	Y	N	N	Trail follows the crest of the Cumberland Mountains dividing Va. and Ky. for 26 miles from Pound Gap in Wise County to Potter's Flats in the Breaks Interstate Park. Trailhead parking available for horse trailers.
Clinch Mountain Wildlife Management Area	Russell, Smyth, Tazewell, and Washington	276-783-4860	18	N	Y	N	
The Salt Trail	Smyth	276-496-5342	5.5*	N	N	N	Rail to Trail conversion. About 8.5 Linear miles currently open. More under development. 5.5 mi off road and suitable for horses.
Wilderness Road Trail	Lee	276-445-3065	8.5*	Y	N	N	Rail to Trail conversion. Runs to the Cumberland Gap National Historical Park though the Wilderness Road Trail State Park. Trailer parking at either end.

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SOUTHERN REGION							
Dick Cross Wildlife Management Area (formerly ELM HILL)	Mecklenburg	804-367-1000	7*	Y	Y	N	Field trial facility.
Occoneechee State Park	Mecklenburg	434-374-2210	see below	Y	Y	Y	Equestrian campground with 11 stalls and 11 campsites. Serves as trailhead for Panhandle Trail that connects to Occoneechee WMA.
Occoneechee Wildlife Management Area (WMA), US Army Corp of Engineers	Mecklenburg	434-738-6143	7.5*	Y	Y	N	Trail head and campground in adjoining state park.
Robert Munford Trail at Eagle Point Wildlife Management Area (WMA), US Army Corp of Engineers	Mecklenburg	434-738-6101	7*	N	N	N	Also known as Eagle Point Trail
Staunton River State Park	Halifax	434-572-4623	18.6	Y	N	Y	Equestrian Campground with 20 stalls and 13 campsites.
Tobacco Heritage Trail	Mecklenburg, Brunswick, Halifax, Lunenburg, and Charlotte	434-757-7438	6*	N	N	N	Proposed 160 mile system of long distance multi-use non-motorized trails primarily following abandoned rail corridors through five Southside Virginia counties opening in phases.
White Oak Mountain Wildlife Management Area	Pittsylvania	804-525-7522	10	Y	Y	N	Fee/permit required.
GEORGE WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON NATIONAL FOREST**							
Lee Ranger District	Page, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Warren	540-984-4101	233	N	N	Y	Primitive dispersed camping (no amenities, no fees) allowed in many areas.
Clinch Ranger District	Dickensen, Lee, Scott, Wise	276-328-2931	54	N	N	Y	Primitive dispersed camping (no amenities, no fees) allowed in many areas.
James River Ranger District	Allegheny, Botetourt, Rockbridge	540-962-2214	109	N	N	Y	Primitive dispersed camping (no amenities, no fees) allowed in many areas.
Glenwood-Pedlar Ranger District	Amherst, Augusta, Bedford, Botetourt, Rockbridge, Nelson	540-291-2188	121	N	N	Y	65-mile long Glenwood Horse Trail is a popular trail. Primitive dispersed camping (no amenities, no fees) allowed in many areas.
Mount Rogers Ranger District	Carroll, Grayson, Smyth, Wythe, Washington	276-783-5196	278	N	N	Y	Primitive dispersed camping (no amenities, no fees) allowed in many areas. Four equestrian campgrounds in this district: Fox Creek, Collins Cove Group Horse Camp, Hussey Mountain, and Old Virginia Group Horse Camp (Fees). Region administers 33.4-mile Long Virginia Creeper Trail and the 68 mile long Virginia Highlands Horse Trail.
North River Ranger District	Augusta, Bath, Highland, Rockingham	540-432-0187	241	N	N	Y	Primitive dispersed camping (no amenities, no fees) allowed in many areas. Also developed Shaws Fork Equestrian Campground (no fee).
Warm Springs Ranger District	Bath, Highland	540-839-2521	108	N	N	Y	Primitive dispersed camping (no amenities, no fees) allowed in many areas.
Eastern Divide Ranger District	Bland, Botetourt, Craig, Giles, Montgomery, Pulaski, Roanoke, Tazewell, Wythe	540-552-4641	136	N	N	Y	Primitive dispersed camping (no amenities, no fees) allowed in many areas. Also developed White Cedar Horse Camp (fees required).

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** Mileage is for developed trails managed for horse riding (equestrian use). Horses are also allowed on all Forest Service Roads which are open to motorized vehicles; and also on many Forest Service Roads which are gated to prevent public motorized use. Road mileage is not included.

When horsebacking on public property in Virginia, riders are required to carry proof of negative Coggins test for Equine Infectious Anemia.