

Camping 101

Things to consider when planning a camping trip with horses:

- **Get good directions and driving time before you go.** If using Google or other on-line maps add 15-20 minutes per hour for slower speed and more stops required for your safety and horse's comfort. If you ensure your rig can get it and out via web information or word-of-mouth you will save yourself a headache. If you are a first timer, go with someone who has experience.
- **National and State Parks offer discounts.** A Senior National Parks Pass will half the daily rate. Idaho State Parks deduct \$5/day if you have an Idaho Parks Pass, available at the DMV and is only good for the vehicle with the sticker. You can also get reservation fees for Idaho parks waived with your RV or Camper sticker number, which comes with the license for the RV / Camper.
- **Reservations:** Websites will have a link or directions for making reservations. Some can be made on-line, others by phone only. Have your numbers for discounts available when making reservations. Popular areas fill up fast, especially for larger groups. I highly recommend making reservations ASAP to lock in **YOUR** site. If after all the work and planning you arrive to find nowhere to camp at no-reservation areas...BUMMER! If you need to cancel with a day or two of your arrival date, you can usually get a full refund, minus the reservation fee. These terms will be outlined in the reservation.
- **NO reservations?** These sites will all be a first come first served basis. Monday - Thursday arrivals are most likely to find a site(s).
- **If you travel out of state, get a travel health certificate from your vet.** They are usually good for 3 or 6 months. Your vet should know the requirements for surrounding states, or you can look it up on-line. Some states require the name and address of the area you are visiting, so if you know, bring it with you to the vet. If you do not have the required travel documents you can be fined.
- **Nutrition:** Almost all areas require weed free feed. If your **bales** are heavy, you can separate and re-tie into manageable sections. A "dry camp" means NO water. Horses need 5-10 gallons of water a day depending on temperature, humidity and activity. Therefore, if you haul your own water plan on a short trip. For campgrounds that provide horse water via shared faucets, a 50ft. garden hose is handy. I carry two 50 footers. A sump pump / hose combination is handy if you are near a stream in lieu of hauling buckets of water. You will also need buckets for your horse to drink from. Or you can lead horses to nearby water several times a day.
- **Horse containment:**
 - Campground with corrals will have them listed in amenities on their website. You may need extra rope to shore up gates in less organized areas.

- Setting up a high-line works almost anywhere with trees. However, some campgrounds with corrals do not allow them to protect the trees. There are several gadgets making highlining easier such as tree savers and spinning knot eliminators. You need to know how to tie good, releasable knots such as a trucker's hitch. I use a ratcheted strap tie down to tighten the line as once the horses are attached the rope can give a lot. I also bring a 6-foot step ladder to make it easier to get it high enough the horse cannot get its' head over the top.
- **Trails conditions will vary:** Always call to check trail conditions for horses. *Due to budget cuts, trails in many mountainous national forests and state areas are not cleared until late summer, usually by outfitters preparing for the hunting season.*
- **Cleanup:** Many campgrounds require that your area and corrals are cleaned up before you leave and ready for the next campers. Take a rake, shovel, manure fork, and small travel wheelbarrow if you can. Proper tools make the job easier. At the least, leave no trash or gear and if there is not a designated dump, spread out manure into nearby areas where it can dry out and fertilize the local fauna.
- **Fires:** Stop the spread of harmful insects by only using local wood. Forage locally or buy from one of the many sources near your campground. Usually \$5/ bundle.
- An assortment of **rope always comes in handy** as well as tools and items to repair tack if needed.
- **Don't forget a first aid kit for horses and humans.**
- **Insurance:** Apparently most auto insurance policies DO NOT cover all the needs of those traveling with horses. They probably won't tow live horses. I checked with my carrier and they didn't cover travel with horses. I recommend buying a supplemental insurance tailored to traveling with equines. I use U.S. Rider. They provide services similar to AAA for your vehicle, will arrange towing a trailer with live horses and even help you find a vet or place to board your horses in an emergency. There are a number of choices on-line. I have heard that the quality of service can vary depending on location.

The following are shared ideas for camping. **Camping trips are not considered an official club function and do not fall under the club insurance policy.** You are also free to invite non-club member. If you want to organize any trips feel free to utilize the below information. You can use our club distribution list to reach out to members to see who is interested and propose dates for a trip.

Area	Description
<p>Castle Rock (City of Rocks) <u>State Park</u> South of Burley, Idaho. About a 4-hour drive from Boise. Information https://parksand recreation.idaho.gov/parks/city-rocks-national-reserve Reservations: https://idahostateparks.reserveamerica.com/campsiteCalendar.do</p>	<p>One the very few horse camps with paved parking pads, water and power at each site. One corral per site, no highlining. A few minutes-walk to hot showers and flushing toilets. One close-by vault toilet. Stunning views/rock formations. Great trails, many are double wide and easy. Sand, dirt and rocky trails.</p>
<p>Grandjean: <u>National Park</u>. Off highway 21 on the west side of the Sawtooths. About 3.25 hours from Boise. No reservations Information: https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/sawtooth/recarea/?recid=5882</p>	<p>There are 3 main trails from the trailhead. All are gorgeous. Water crossings, switchback and some rocky areas. Steep terrain. Water trough at the trail head. Clean Vault toilets. There are 3 large corrals up the hill from the trailhead with water but are a first come first serve basis. <i>There was a fire near there last summer, but the campground is still in-tact.</i></p>

Boulder Park Campground: *National Campground*. Near Joseph, Oregon
Information / NO Reservations
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/wallowa-whitman/recarea/?recid=52049>

JEAN OLSON HAS A CONTACT IN THE AREA AND IS PUTTING SOMETHING TOGETHER. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED CONTACT HER.

Stock-friendly campsites with a stock loading ramp, 6-8 head 'star' feeders, and trailer parking. Stock water is available from Eagle Creek.

No. of Sites 8 single sites
Reservation Info Not reservable
No. of Accessible sites None

Horse Riding

Main Eagle Trail going into the Eagle Cap Wilderness is 1/4 mile away. A trailhead parking fee for the Main Eagle Trailhead is required.

Amenities

Picnic tables At each campsite
Toilets Accessible vault toilet
Tent camping 7 tent/trailer sites
Camping trailer

Nehalem Bay: a few miles from quaint Manzanita, OR.
Information and Reservations
<https://oregonstateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/nehalem-bay-state-park/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=OR&parkId=402191>

Ride the Beach! Just a short ride over the dunes to ride about 7 miles worth of beach; or ride the peninsula trails to see coyotes, coastal elk and seals as well as numerous birds.
Hot showers and flushing toilets in walking distance. Primitive sites with shared water faucets and portable toilets. 2 corrals per site. NO extra horse enclosures or highlines allowed. Located at the beginning of a four-mile sand spit that separates the Pacific Ocean and Nehalem Bay. The park offers year-around family fun. Recreational opportunities include hiking, biking, beachcombing, crabbing, clamming, horseback riding, and fishing.
Manzanita offer golf, shopping, and dinning. Nearby towns offer a variety of activities.

<p>Stolle Meadows: no fee, non-organized, primitive campsites. Near Warm Lake Idaho. 3.5 hours from Boise. Most campsites are close enough to get horse water from the river.</p> <p>There is a Forest Service Cabin above the meadow, reserve through the forest service. This is a popular cabin so reserve well ahead. Cabin sleeps 6, has outdoor hand water pump and a fireplace inside. Horses ok there.</p>	<p>Quiet and peaceful. Beautiful valley with the South Fork of the Salmon River running through. NO cell coverage so you can disconnect! Dirt/ rock trails, bridges and some water crossings.</p> <p>For those without their own horse: Juniper Mountain Outfitters, located off the FS road offers week-end trail rides and M-F horse camps for children. See their website for more info and reservations.</p>
<p>Harriman Lake: About 20-25 miles northwest of West Yellowstone</p>	<p>Catherine and Nick Weber have been there and there are several riding options. See proposed dated in camping dates doc.</p>
<p>Silver Creek Campground: <u>State Campground?</u></p> <p>I think this is the Lodgepole Springs loop where you can have horses. Call to be sure. They have made recent improvements and that may have changed.</p> <p>About 10 Primitive sites. Vault toilet. Near the river for horse water. Trailhead across the bridge from camp.</p> <p>Nearby Attractions:</p> <p>Silver Creek Plunge, a privately developed hot springs resort, is within a quarter-mile from the campground. It offers a hot springs pool, general store, concessions, volleyball and basketball courts, playground and horseshoe pits.</p>	<p>Overview</p> <p>Silver Creek Campground is located 25 miles north of Garden Valley, Idaho, in beautiful Peace Valley at an elevation of 4,490 feet. Peace Valley offers great trail opportunities. Fishing and hunting are popular activities as well.</p> <p>Natural Features:</p> <p>The campground is situated among a mixed-growth lodgepole pine forest, which provides partial shade. Silver Creek runs alongside the campground.</p> <p>A variety of wildlife makes its home in and around Peace Valley, including deer, elk, bald eagles and red-tailed hawks.</p> <p>Recreation:</p> <p>Peace Valley contains many trails for hiking, mountain biking, horseback and ATV riding. Peace Creek Trail, Silver Creek Summit Trail and Bull Creek Trail all begin nearby.</p> <p>Silver Creek, Peace Creek and the nearby Middle Fork Payette River offer good-to-excellent fishing most of the year. Anglers in the area cast for whitefish and rainbow trout.</p> <p>In-season big game hunting for deer, elk and bear is a popular activity in the surrounding mountains.</p> <p>Facilities:</p> <p>This campground was reconstructed in 2010 and now offers paved roads and paved parking spurs, drinking water and accessible vault toilets. Several single and double campsites are available, all of which are accessible. Each site is equipped with a tent pad, picnic and utility tables and a campfire ring.</p> <p>Two accessible group campsites are now available, both with picnic shelters, multiple tables, campfire rings, grills and ample parking.</p> <p>The Lodgepole Springs group site can accommodate up to 80 people, while the Cabin Creek group site can accommodate up to 100 people.</p>

<p>Petit Lake: Non-fee, first come first serve area. South of Stanley. Use a map.</p> <p>Contact for current info: Fairfield Ranger District P.O. Box 189 102 First Street East Fairfield, ID 83327 208-764-3202 Fax: 208-764-3211 District Ranger: Mike Dettori</p> <p>https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/sawtooth/recarea/?recid=5946</p>	<p>Horse sites are open areas off the Yellow Belly loop near the river. There are several large areas. No designated sites, reservations, or fees. First come first serve. There are some trailheads accessible from camp, but many of the trails that go higher require trailering to the trailhead.</p> <p>River water for horses. Highline or bring your own corrals.</p>
<p>Quinn Meadow: <u>National Campground</u> Southwest of Bend, Oregon URL for several camps in the Hoodoo recreation area of the Deschutes National Forest. Information: http://hoodoorecreation.com/campgrounds/?wpp_search%5Bsort_order%5D=ASC&wpp_search%5Bsort_by%5D=area&wpp_search%5Bpagination%5D=on&wpp_search%5Bper_page%5D=8&wpp_search%5Bstrict_search%5D=false&wpp_search%5Bproperty_type%5D=campground&wpp_search%5Bnational_forest%5D=Deschutes&wpp_search%5Bbranger_district%5D=-1&wpp_search%5Bhorse_camp%5D=true</p>	<p>Mouse over the Recreation.gov icon to the right to see reservations link for your chosen area.</p> <p>This is a hugely popular all horse camping area. Make reservations early.</p>

<p>Whitefish Horse Campground: <u>National Campground</u> Southwest of Bend, Oregon URL for several camps in the Hoodoo recreation area of the Deschutes National Forest. Information: http://hoodoorecreation.com/campgrounds/?wpp_search%5Bsort_order%5D=ASC&wpp_search%5Bsort_by%5D=area&wpp_search%5Bpagination%5D=on&wpp_search%5Bper_page%5D=8&wpp_search%5Bstrict_search%5D=false&wpp_search%5Bproperty_type%5D=campground&wpp_search%5Bnational_forest%5D=Deschutes&wpp_search%5BBranger_district%5D=-1&wpp_search%5Bhorse_camp%5D=true</p>	<p>Mouse over the Recreation.gov icon to the right to see reservations link for your chosen area. This is a hugely popular all horse camping area. Make reservations early. <i>I went last year. It is a beautiful campsite. All sites require horses. All sites have 2-4 metal corals. Designated manure dump. Water spigot shared between 2-3 sites for drinking water. Short walk/ride to lake shore. Beautiful well-maintained mountain trails, which are also part of the Pacific hiking trail system. All sites have picnic table and fire pit. There are reservable lakeside cabins about 5 miles away. You would need to contact them for more information on that. If you need to stay in a cabin, you may be able to hook up with someone in your group who is not using all their corrals. (last year I used 2 of 4 at my site). It takes at least 7 hours to drive, including stops. Roads are excellent the whole way.</i></p>
<p>Joe Graham Horse Campground: <u>National Campground</u>. Near Mt. Hood Information: https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/mthood/recarea/?recid=53400</p> <p>This site can be reserved by calling Toll Free 1-877-444-6777 (International 518-885-3639 or TDD 877-833-6777) or on-line at http://www.recreation.gov/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=71649&topTabIndex=CampingSpot</p>	<p>Joe Graham Horse Campground is a beautiful equestrian camp with views of majestic Mt. Hood and its surrounding forest. It provides access to a variety of hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding trails, as well as scenic historic sites. Located near Clackamas Lake.</p>
<p>Horse Camping near Harriman Lake/ Henry Lake/ West entrance to Yellowstone</p>	<p>contact Catherine Weber</p>

<p>Bull Trout Lake: <i>National Campground</i> Off Highway 21 West of Stanley. Information and reservations https://www.recreation.gov/camping/bull-trout/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=70846</p>	<p>Looks nice. Those who have been liked it.</p>
<p>Cowboy Campground: Privately owned campground next to Idaho City on Highway 21. One hour from Boise</p> <p>http://www.campscout.com/campground/ID0642/</p>	<p>Nearby campground! Trails are not well marked. GPS device recommended. Riding Trails on both sides of Hwy. 21. Be careful crossing the road!</p>
<p>Goose Creek: near Brundage ski area</p>	<p>In progress</p>
<p>Mt. Adams Horse Camp, Washington State https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/giffordpinchot/recarea/?recid=31850</p> <p>This pleasant well-developed horse camp is located in a wooded site on the base of Mount Adams. There is a loading ramp and water for stock only. Water is not for human consumption. Each site has a highline. An open field next to the campground provides space for over flow camping and a beautiful view of the mountain. A twenty mile trail system that can lead to <u>Mt. Adams Wilderness</u> is accessible from the campground.</p>	<p>fees \$5/Night Usage: Light Restrictions: <u>Wilderness regulations</u> apply within Mt Adams Wilderness. Closest Towns: Trout Lake, WA Water: For stock only Restroom: Vault Toilet (1) Operated By: Forest Service Information Center: <u>Mt. Adams Ranger District</u></p> <p>Horse Riding Trails accessible from this area include #38, #39, #39A, #40, #72, and #54.</p> <p>Horse Camping No. of Sites 11 single sites(s) Reservation Info Not reservable No. of Accessible sites 1 of 11</p>
<p>Joseph Oregon:</p>	