

## SAND RIDGE STATE FOREST EQUESTRIAN REGULATIONS

Equestrian use is permitted on all trails and fire lanes with the following exceptions and restrictions: **Effective Dec. 1, 2005 alcohol possession and consumption is prohibited in Sand Ridge. The Green Trail Loop (1.75 miles), the H.A. Gleason Nature Preserve, Pine Campground, Oak Campground, Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery, all back country campsites, day use areas, and game fields are “Restricted Areas” closed to equestrian use.** There are approximately 50 miles of marked trails and an additional 150 miles of fire lanes for equestrian use. A 1974 aerial photograph indicates what fire lanes are legal to ride. If there are questions about where to ride or not to ride, ask staff for assistance. They are happy to help!!!!!!

**SAND RIDGE STATE FOREST IS CLOSED TO HORSES DURING THE FIREARM DEER SEASON EACH YEAR. All persons in Sand Ridge during the Firearm Youth Deer Hunt will have on a solid, vivid, blaze orange cap and vest.**

**Riders must stay on marked trails or fire lanes; starting new trails or simply riding “cross-country” is prohibited.**

Please load and unload horses at Horseman’s Park or Mockernut Meadow only. Day use riders are confined to Mockernut Meadow (Equestrian Overflow Area). Overnight Class “C” camping is available at Horseman’s Park Campground for \$8.00 per night. Maximum capacity for Horseman’s Park Campground is 20 campsites; an additional 10 camp sites are available by order of the Site Superintendent or other arrangements with organized group activity permit. Facilities include hitching rails, picket line posts, privies, water and shelter. Campers only may pull in and park at designated camp sites. Shelter reservations are accepted by application through site headquarters. Camp site reservations are accepted at <ReserveAmerica.com>.

To help save all trees, please do not tie horses directly to or from use of picket line to any tree in the forest. Use of fencing or corrals in Sand Ridge is prohibited due to public health and safety issues. Please backfill all holes dug by horses. Please keep all dogs on a leash and under control of owner. Fires are permitted on concrete pads only. Please put manure in designated area. Administrative Rules and Regulations, Title 17, Chapters 110 and 130 will be enforced. Due to the increased danger of a horse vehicle accident please be sure to ride on the edge of roadway. **During the spring thaw or some other emergency, site may be closed. Please check forest and trail information daily by phone (309-597-2212).**

Littering is prohibited. Please pack out what you pack in and use waste containers provided throughout the forest. **Please use care when smoking.** Enjoy your ride!!!!!!!

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