Wayne National Forest Horse Trails

The Wayne National Forest provides three challenging Horse Trail Systems for riders. The attached maps show the locations and configurations of the trails, loops, trailheads, and campgrounds. Topography lines were included in order to give riders perspective on which trails provided a more challenging ride, or which might be more appropriate for a novice rider or an older horse. Coordinates are provided for the trailheads.

The Stone Church Trail, just north of New Straitsville, provides 22 miles of trails for riding horses. Hiking is also welcomed. This trail system provides a campground and two trailheads.

- **SC Horsecamp** - 82° 14' 32.32" W; 39° 36' 39.57" N
- **SC Trailhead** - 0.75 mile west of Stone Church Horsecamp on CR 38 @ 82° 14' 51.88" W; 39° 36' 31.51" N.
- **North Country Trail Trailhead for SC Trail** - along Forest Road 3201 @ 82° 16' 54.47" W; 39° 36' 54.70" N.

The Kinderhook Trail, just east of Newport, provide 12 miles of trail. This area has only one trailhead.

- **Kinderhook Trailhead** - 81° 13' 30.58" W; 39° 24' 22.46" N.

The Vesuvius Trail, near Ironton, provides 46 miles of trails from four trailheads. There is a primitive campground available at the Paddlecreek Trailhead.

- **Sand Hill Trailhead:** 82° 36' 31.55" W; 38° 36' 41.87" N
- **Paddle Creek Trailhead and Campground:** 82° 34' 53.72" W; 38° 37' 51.18" N
- **Bluegrass Trailhead:** 82° 33' 20.73" W; 38° 37' 7.83" N
- **Johns Creek Trailhead:** 82° 35' 49.52" W; 38° 39' 36.71" N

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ON LAND AND WATER

Travel only on designated trails.

Respect the rights of hikers, bicyclist, campers, and others to enjoy their activities undisturbed.

Educate yourself by obtaining travel maps and regulations, comply with signs and barriers, and ask owners' permission to cross private property. Learn the rules and follow them.

Avoid streams and wildlife and do not cut across a switchback.

Do all you can to be responsible and protect the environment.

The horse trails are managed out of three Wayne NF offices:

(Stone Church)
Athens Ranger District
13700 U.S. Highway 33
Nelsonville, OH 45764
Phone: 740-753-0101

(Kinderhook)
Marietta Unit- Athens RD
27750 State Route 7
Marietta, OH 45750
740-373-9055

(Vesuvius)
Ironton Ranger District
6518 State Route 93
Pedro, OH 45659
Phone: 740-534-6500

Federal relay system for the deaf and hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339

website: www.fs.usda.gov/wayne

Designated horse trails are marked with gray diamonds. Colored dots designate trail corridors on some trail systems.

Yield the Right of Way

— Mountain bikers yield to horses.
— Hikers yield to horse riders.
— Horse riders control your horse.

Remember that all trails have two-way traffic. Be alert for oncoming traffic and blind curves on trails shared with mountain bikes.

We Need Your Help!

- Adopt the Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly ethics. For more information on these programs, contact our office. Encourage others to also practice these land ethics.

- Report vandalism - missing signs, unsafe conditions, suspicious vehicles, etc.

- Pick up after yourself and others, leave the area cleaner than you found it.

- Respect closed areas. Stay on the trail, cutting switchbacks damages trails and causes erosion.

- Consider volunteering for a work project. Several organized groups regularly volunteer and help maintain these trails and would welcome your help.

- Contact a Ranger District office if you wish to volunteer.

For Your Information

Riders must obey all state traffic laws when riding on public roads.

√ Private land surrounds trail routes. Please stay on marked trails to avoid riding on private land. Respect other landowner's rights.
√ Horses are permitted on designated horse trails or open public roads. A designated horse trail is a trail marked by gray diamond blazes.
√ National Forest lands are open to public hunting. Please be aware of the various hunting seasons and plan your trail ride accordingly.
√ Sections of the horse trail cross or follow township and county roads. Please use caution when traveling on these motorized routes.
√ Camping may be done in small openings along the trail but no vegetation should be cut and all fires must be extinquished before leaving camp.
√ Bring your own water.. Water in ponds and streams may be used for horses, but is unsafe for human consumption.
√ Be alert for ticks, snakes, and poison ivy.
√ Pack out everything you pack in.
√ For safety, please don't ride alone. Let someone know where you'll be riding and when to expect you back.
√ Please notify our offices of any down trees across the trail.

In case of accidents:

If another rider is critically injured, call 911. When calling for help, note the closest landmark or intersection to the victim's location. If you suspect a back or neck injury, do NOT move the rider. Medical assistance will be there as soon as possible.

LEAVE NO TRACE OUTDOOR ETHICS

Plan Ahead and Prepare
Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
Dispose of Waste Properly
Leave What You Find
Minimize Campfire Impacts
Respect Wildlife
Be Considerate of other Visitors

Trail Permits

- Horseback riders age 16 and older are required to have a permit when riding trails on the Wayne N.F. Riders 15 and younger should be accompanied by an adult.

- Seasonal ($45/season), 3-day ($24), and daily ($12/day). Printable trail permits may be purchased online and printed from home or any location with access to the internet and a color printer. Traditional permits are also available from any Wayne NF office or participating vendor locations. Click on the Wayne NF homepage at www.fs.usda.gov/wayne and then click on "Purchase Trail Permits Online" under Quick Links in the right hand column. Permits must be visually displayed while on the trails.

- Funds collected from the sale of permits goes toward maintaining trails to standard and rerouting trails to make them safer.

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