

Finger Lakes National Forest



Backbone Horse Campground

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Description:

Backbone Horse Campground is a small, semi-primitive campground designed for campers or picnickers with horses. The campground is open year round and sites are available on a first come first serve basis. There is no fee for camping but a free use permit must be completed upon entering the campground. Horse users only are allowed from Memorial Day weekend through Columbus Day weekend. There is a pond available for watering livestock.

Facilities:

There are eleven sites available on a first come first serve basis. The sites are large enough to accommodate horse trailers. Each site has tie posts for horses and there is a corral in the area. The campground has three vault toilets, trash cans, picnic tables, fire rings, and grills at some sites. **All trails designated for horses are closed to horseback riding from March 15 to May 1.** This is due to muddy trail conditions and the increased potential for erosion and trail damage.

Directions:

From the South, take State Route 14 North (Exit 52 off State Route 17) to Watkins Glen, NY. In Watkins Glen, turn right at the Fourth St intersection onto State Route 414 North. Go approximately 9 miles north, past the Hector Ranger Station of the Finger Lakes National Forest. 0.5 miles past the Ranger Station, turn right on Schuyler County Route 2. Travel for 3.5 miles east. Backbone Campground is on the left, opposite the intersection with Burnt Hill Road.

From the North, take State Route 414 South to Hector, NY (Exit 41 off I-90). In Hector, 1 mile past the Dandy Mini Mart, turn left onto County Route 2, the second asphalt road on the left. Travel for 3.5 miles east. Backbone Campground is on the left, opposite the intersection with Burnt Hill Road.

Notes:

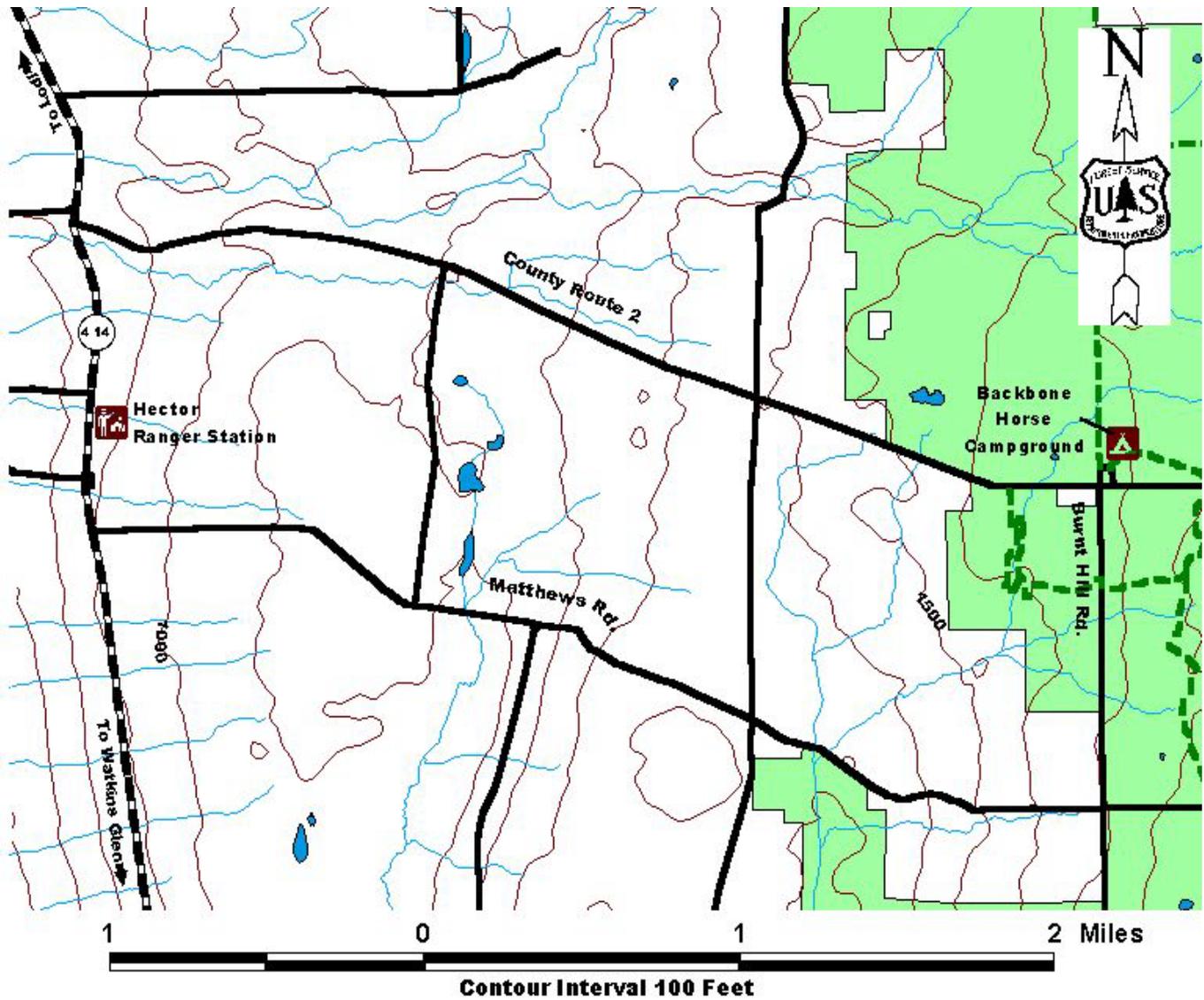
- Maximum length of stay is 14 days within a 30 day period.
- Dogs must be on a leash at all times
- Check out time is 2:00 PM
- There is no dump station

 <p>U.S. Department of Agriculture</p>  <p>Forest Service</p>	<p>Finger Lakes National Forest 5218 State Route 414, Hector, NY 14841 Phone:(607) 546-4470 Website: www.fs.usda.gov/fingerlakes</p> <p>FAX:(607) 546-4474</p>
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Area Services:

Food and Services: Hector shops and fuel stations		
For all Emergencies: 911		
Police: (607) 535-6642 or 911	Fire: (607) 535-6642 or 911	Rescue: (607) 535-6642 or 911

Map:



For More Information:

Hector Ranger District, 5218 State Route 414, Hector, NY 14841, (607) 546-4470

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