



Nehalem Bay State Park



# Horse Camps and Trails

Whether you ride the trails or spread your bedroll in one of our eight horse camps, an equestrian getaway in an Oregon state park will give you campfire fodder to last a lifetime.

Follow the 100-mile OC&E Woods Line State Trail east of Klamath Falls, once an early rail line for the timber industry. Combine camping and miles of trail riding at Howard Creek Horse Camp in Silver Falls State Park or at Hares Canyon Horse Camp in L.L. "Stub" Stewart State Park.

If you like the sound of waves and purplish-blue glow of an ocean sunset, then eight state parks with beach access are for you. Meadows, woodlands and rivers are typical features of parks such as Elijah Bristow, Willamette Mission and Milo McIver. For a look at grasslands, deep canyons and the John Day River, try the Lone Corral Trail at Cottonwood Canyon State Park in eastern Oregon.

Call the State Parks Information Center, 800-551-6949, for additional information on horse trails and horse camping.

Check out other Oregon State Parks by visiting [www.oregonstateparks.org](http://www.oregonstateparks.org)



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Elijah Bristow State Park



Banks-Vernonia State Trail



Silver Falls State Park



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L.L. "Stub" Stewart State Park

## Trail Courtesy

Ride with a buddy. If you must ride alone, tell someone where you're going and when you're returning. Let bicyclists and hikers know the best way to get around your group. Downhill traffic yields to uphill traffic.



## Trail Rules

Ride only on trails designated for horses and other areas open to horses. Be aware of prohibited areas. Cutting switchbacks and taking shortcuts destroy vegetation and encourage others to use the unauthorized route.

Please respect private property along trails. Pack it in, pack it out.

**Tie horses to corrals or horse trailers, not to trees.**

**Please ride single file and in the middle of the trail.**

**Avoid muddy or soggy areas, especially riverbanks.**

## Campground Rules

Keep all pets under physical control and on a leash not more than six feet long. Please remove all pet waste from the equestrian campground.

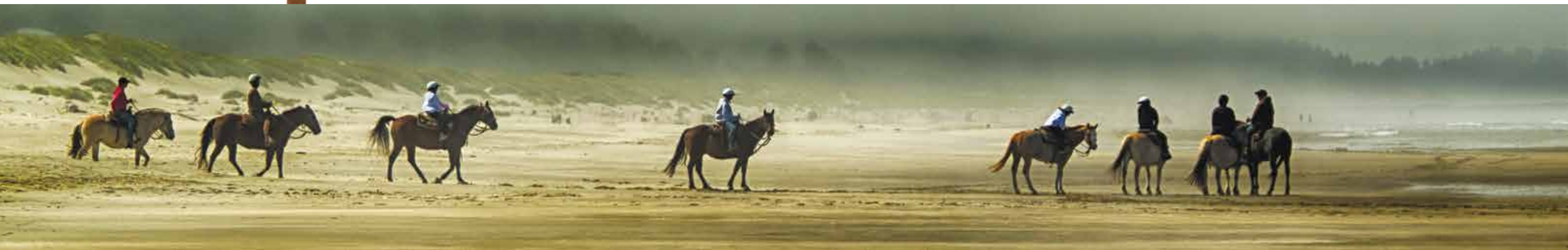
Keep corrals free of straw and animal waste. Remove animal waste from parking and hitching post areas and trailheads.

Camping and campfires are allowed in designated areas only. Do not camp along trails.

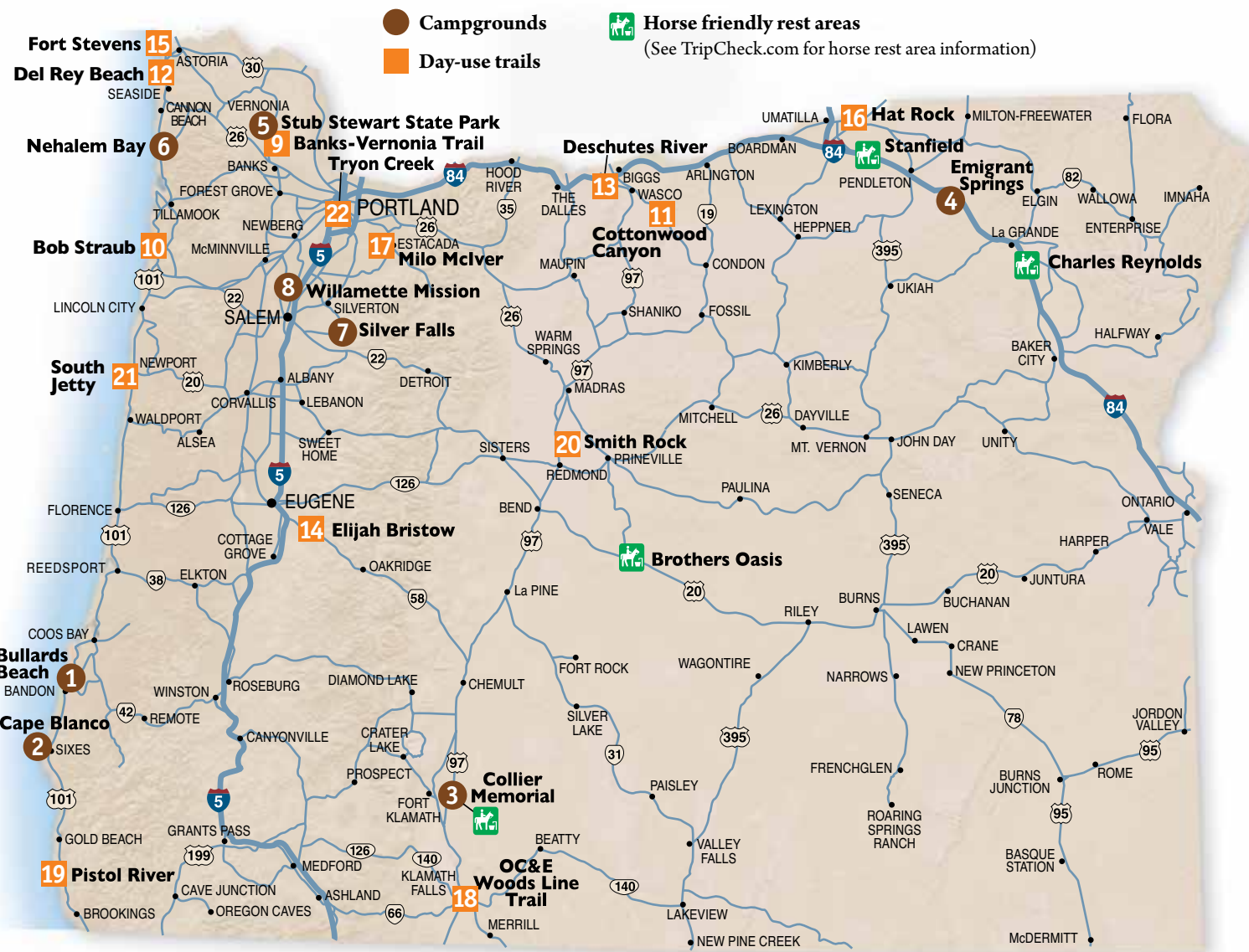
Horses are prohibited in main overnight campgrounds and developed day-use areas.

## How to Volunteer

Many dedicated individuals and organizations volunteer their time and donate material to their favorite riding areas. If you or your organization is interested in adopting a horse trail or camping area, please call the State Parks Volunteer Hotline, 877-225-9803.







**Horse Camping and Trails**

Unless noted, sites in horse camps may be reserved. Camping rates vary. To make or cancel a reservation, call 800-452-5687. Go online to [www.oregonstateparks.org](http://www.oregonstateparks.org) or call 800-452-5687 for more information. Day-use parking fee noted where required.

**1 Bullards Beach State Park**  
*U.S. 101, 2 miles north of Bandon on Bullards Beach Road*  
**Trails:** 4 miles of beach riding. 11 miles of designated trails, one leads to Coquille River Lighthouse.

**Sites:** 8 primitive stalls, each 12' x 12' with chain gates. Maximum 1 horse per stall. 3 sites with double wood stalls for 2 horses; 5 sites with quadruple wood stalls for 4 horses.

**Features:** Picnic tables, fire rings, drinking water, vault restrooms. Showers/flush toilets in main campground.

**Other Info:** Tethering outside the stall is prohibited. Please clean the site and stalls and dispose of trash and manure in the designated area. Parking and hitching posts available for day-use visitors. One camping unit per site.

**2 Cape Blanco State Park**  
*Off U.S. 101, 9 miles north of Port Orford*  
**Trails:** 6 miles of riding trails. 150-acre open riding area. Beach access.

**Sites:** 8 primitive. 6 single-horse corrals; 2 double-horse corrals; 2 pull-through sites each with double stalls for 4 horses. Hitching posts located in the camp.

**Features:** Picnic tables, fire rings, drinking water. Showers/flush toilets in main campground.

**3 Collier Memorial State Park**  
*U.S. 97, 30 miles north of Klamath Falls. 25 miles southeast of the south entrance to Crater Lake National Park.*

**Trails:** Many miles of multi-use trails follow low-use primitive roads between Collier Memorial State Park and Kimball State Recreation Site in the Winema National Forest. U.S. Forest Service road map recommended.

**Sites:** One large area at the equestrian trailhead. Four 12' x 12' corrals. Pumice ground surface. Accommodates 2 horse trailers.

**Features:** Corrals, water (except winter), hitching post, tables and garbage receptacles. Fees are collected for overnight use. Campfires are not allowed. Public restrooms available in nearby Spring Creek Day-Use Area (except winter).

**Other Info:** The trail is best for horseback riders and hikers. The surface is soft pumice. Campground is open May 1-Oct. 1, depending on weather conditions. Call 800-551-6949 for up-to-date information.

**4 Emigrant Springs State Heritage Area**  
*I-84, 26 miles southeast of Pendleton*  
**Trails:** Short horse trail meanders through the park along with access to miles of trails adjacent to the park. Please ask a park ranger for more information.

**Sites:** 7 primitive sites (6 reservable), each with a 14' x 14' corral. A maximum of 2 horses per site.

**Features:** Picnic tables, fire rings, drinking water. Showers and flush toilets in main campground.

**Other Info:** The horse camp may be closed during the winter due to snow. Call 800-551-6949, or the park, 541-983-2277, for up-to-date information.

**5 L.L. "Stub" Stewart State Park—Hares Canyon Horse Camp**  
*Off Hwy 47, 4 miles North of US 26*

**Trails:** Nearly 25 miles of multi-use trails. Access to the 21-mile Banks-Vernonia State Trail.

**Sites:** 13 full-hookup sites/4-stall corrals; 2 double-size full-hookup sites/6-stall corrals. Open March 1-Oct. 31.

**Special Features:** Universally accessible features: parking, picnic tables, fire rings at all sites. Flush toilets and showers in camp. All RV hookup sites are at least 50 feet long.

**Other Info:** Manure bins available. Campground next door to Clayhill Horse Staging Area. See **Stub Stewart Recreation and Trail Guide** for horse trail information. Day-use parking fee for visitors not camping.

**6 Nehalem Bay State Park**  
*Off U.S. 101, 3 miles south of Manzanita Junction*

**Trails:** 10 miles of trail and beach access. Please ride on designated trails and only on the beach west of the fore dune.

**Sites:** 17 primitive sites, each with two 11' x 11' stalls. Maximum of 4 horses, although 2 horses per site recommended.

**Features:** Warm-up corral, picnic tables, fire ring, drinking water nearby. Showers/flush toilets in main campground.

**Restrictions:** Please check [oregonstateparks.org](http://oregonstateparks.org) website or at the park for seasonal restrictions.

**Other Info:** Day-use parking fee for visitors not camping.

**Other Info:** During the summer, a horse concession is located in the main day-use area. Call the park for more information, 503-368-5154.



**7 Silver Falls State Park—Howard Creek Horse Camp**  
*OR 214, 26 miles east of Salem*

**Trails:** 21 miles of multi-use trails. Please observe restricted use signs on trails and follow proper trail courtesy when encountering other trail users.

**Sites:** 6 primitive sites which are open seasonally. 5 sites with a set of 4 corrals each. Maximum 8 people/4 horses per site. One group site with 12 corrals. Maximum 24 people/12 horses. For more information, please see the **Silver Falls State Park Trail Guide** or call the park at 503-873-8681.

**Features:** Picnic tables, fire rings, drinking water (please bring buckets), vault toilets. Showers/flush toilets in main campground.

**Other Info:** Day-use parking and hitching rails at the 214 Trailhead and Howard Creek Day-use Area. Day-use parking fee for visitors not camping.

**8 Willamette Mission State Park**  
*Off I-5, 8 miles north of Salem*

**Trails:** 7 miles of multi-use trails.

**Sites:** 4 primitive, each with 1 corral divided into 4 stalls. Maximum 4 horses per site.

**Special Features:** Picnic tables, drinking water, fire rings, vault toilets. Flush toilet nearby. Manure bin in horse camp. Please remove all manure from the park area. Horse trailer parking, equestrian staging area, loading platform and hitching post.

**Other Info:** The area is subject to flooding from the Willamette River in winter and early spring. The park or trails may be closed due to high water. Before your trip, please call 503-393-1172 ext. 40 for current park conditions. Day-use parking fee for visitors not camping.

**Parks with Horse Trails**

Day-use parking fee noted where required.

**9 Banks-Vernonia State Trail**  
*OR 47, Banks to Vernonia*

**Trail:** 21-mile rails-to trail connecting Banks and Vernonia. Trail surface is paved. An adjoining wood chip path is available in many sections. Expect hikers, bicyclists and runners on the trail.

**Special Features:** Buxton Trailhead has an ADA-accessible equestrian loading platform, hitching posts, trailer parking and vault restroom. For more information, see the **Banks-Vernonia State Trail Guide**.

**10 Bob Straub State Park**  
*Sunset Drive, Pacific City*

**Trail:** Several miles of multi-use trails and beach access. Horse trailer parking at Pacific City County Boat Launch just north of park day-use parking area. Day-use parking fee for horse trailers. Trailers are not allowed in Bob Straub day-use parking area.

**11 Cottonwood Canyon State Park**  
*OR 206, about 15 miles southeast of Wasco*

**Trail:** Trailhead is at J.S. Burres Day-use Area. The trail is 8½ miles out and back along the John Day River on an old ranch road.

**Features:** River views, steep columnar basalt cliffs, raptors, songbirds, big game, big horn sheep, and nothing but the sound of hooves on dusty sand.

**12 Del Rey Beach State Recreation Site**  
*US 101 just north of Gearhart*

**Trail:** Approximately 12 miles of beach. Trailer parking at access.

**13 Deschutes River State Recreation Area**  
*Off OR 206, 15 miles east of The Dalles. Eastbound on I-84, take Exit 97. Westbound, use Exit 104 at Biggs Junction. Follow the signs on Oregon 206 to reach the park.*

**Trail:** 22-mile round trip Railbed Trail runs along the Deschutes River canyon. Horseback riding is open to day use March 1-June 30, **by advance reservation only**. 10 horses per day allowed on the trail.

**Other Info:** Please stay on the trail and do not water horses at the river's edge. Trailhead parking at the park entrance. Please remove horse manure from the parking lot immediately. For additional information, see the **Deschutes State Recreation Area Trail Guide**.

**Reservations:** Call 800-452-5687. A confirmation letter from the reservation office will be mailed to you. The confirmation letters must be stamped at the park upon arrival and be kept on your vehicle dash in clear view while you are on the trail.

**14 Elijah Bristow State Park**  
*OR 58, 16 mi. southeast of Eugene*

**Trails:** 12 miles of multi-use trails.

**Features:** A large equestrian staging area includes horse trailer parking, corrals, hitching posts, picnic shelter, tables, water, electricity and toilets. For more information, see the **Southern Willamette Valley State Parks** guide.

**15 Fort Stevens State Park**  
*Off U.S. 101, 10 miles west of Astoria*

**Trails:** Beach access from Lot A. The 4-mile DeLaura Dune Horse Trail connects with multiple horse trails (6-8 miles) through forest and dune in the southern end of the park. 12-15 miles of beach access riding from the jetty to Gearhart. Also see **Fort Stevens State Park Trail Guide & Historic Military Site**. Day-use parking fee.

**16 Hat Rock State Park**  
*U.S. 730, nine miles east of Umatilla on Columbia River's Lake Wallula behind McNary Dam*

**Trail:** A 1-mile portion of the 10-mile Lewis and Clark Commemorative Trail winds through the park.

**Features:** Hitching posts, water trough, restroom.

**Other Info:** Two trailheads are located on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' property. One trailhead is located at Warehouse Beach Recreation Area and one trailhead is located at McNary Beach Recreation Area. Please call the Corps' recreation information number, 541-922-2268, for trailhead information.

**17 Milo McIver State Park**  
*Springwater Road, 4 miles west of Estacada*

**Trails:** 7 miles of multi-use trails.

**Features:** Trailhead access in the equestrian staging area. Hitching posts, 1 large corral, ADA-accessible ramp, large arena and special training stations. Drinking water available year-round. For more information, see the **Milo McIver Trails and Recreation Guide**. Day-use parking fee.

**18 OC&E Woods Line State Trail**  
*Klamath Falls to Bly*

**Trail:** 100-mile multi-use trail built on an old railroad.

**Features:** The 63-mile OC&E segment from Klamath Falls to Bly is suitable for horseback riding with equestrian access at the Switchbacks, Olene, Sycan Siding and Bly trailheads. The Woods Line is a 35-mile spur with equestrian access at Sycan Siding and Horse Glade trailheads. See the **OC&E Woods Line State Trail Guide** for more information.

**Other Info:** Dogs must be on a leash. Please travel single file. After crossing Highway 39, the trail enters farm and ranch lands. Please close all gates as you pass. The trail is unpaved east of Olene.

**19 Pistol River State Scenic Viewpoint**  
*U.S. 101, 11 miles south of Gold Beach*

**Trail:** Approximately 2 miles of beach access.

**20 Smith Rock State Park**  
*Off U.S. 97, 9 miles northeast of Redmond*

**Trails:** Limited multi-use trails (5½ miles).

**Features:** Limited trailer parking at the overflow/RV parking area. Day-use parking fee. For more information, see the **Smith Rock Climbing and Trail Guide**.

**21 South Jetty adjacent to South Beach State Park**  
*U.S. 101 just south of Yaquina Bay Bridge in Newport*

**Trail:** Beach access. Short trail leads from the parking area to miles of beach.

**Features:** Parking area includes hitching posts, portable toilet.

**22 Tryon Creek State Natural Area**  
*Off I-5, Terwilliger Blvd., SW Portland*

**Trails:** Approximate 1 ½-mile North Horse Loop and 1-mile West Horse Loop. The ½-mile Boones Ferry Trail and the ½-mile Englewood Trail are spur trails that lead out of the park. The ½-mile Paget Creek Trail creates a loop at the end of the Englewood Trail.

**Features:** Packed gravel trail surface supports horse traffic in wet weather. Horseback riders must stay on horse trails and ride single file. Water is available during the summer. For more information, see the **Tryon Creek Trail Guide**.

**Other Info:** The equestrian parking lot is at the main entrance to the park and includes the North Horse Loop trailhead. Up to five trailer stalls available; call 503-636-9886 for availability.