



Horseback Riding



Horseback riding has become one of the most popular activities at the Big South Fork. This guide is designed to help you have a safe and enjoyable visit to the area. Please be aware that Proof of a negative COGGINS TEST for Swamp Fever (EIA) is required to bring horses into Big South Fork NRR.

Trails

To provide access to many of the Area's scenic features, there are over 150 miles of horse trails available throughout the Big South Fork.

These horse trails are all signed and marked with a white blaze and yellow horse head. The trails vary in both their length and degree of difficulty. They range from short, easy day rides to long and strenuous loops that may take several days to complete.

Due to the extensive network of trails, horseback riders are advised to purchase a Trail Illustrated trail map from the Park Visitor Centers or from concessionaires and area businesses.

BACKCOUNTRY CAMPING - Backcountry camping with horses is allowed although there are some special regulations which apply. Backcountry camping permits are required and may be obtained from the Bandy Creek Visitor Center, the Kentucky Visitor Center or from outside vendors. Copies of backcountry camping regulations may be obtained from either visitor center. For additional information call 423-286-7275 (PARK).

Services

BANDY CREEK STABLES - Concessions managed stables are available for those who wish to board their horse while camping at the adjacent Bandy Creek Campground. Providing an easy connection to the Area's extensive trail system, the Bandy Creek Stables offer facilities for stall rental and long term boarding of horses. For further information, please contact the Bandy Creek Stables, 1845 Old Sunbright Road, Jamestown, TN 37856 or phone 423-286-7433 (RIDE).

STATION CAMP (TN) AND BEAR CREEK (KY) HORSE CAMPS - Two facilities for those wishing to stay at a developed campground for horses. Both camps offer tie-stalls within the campsites and each site has electricity and water, in addition to a centrally located bathhouse with showers. Both camps are centrally located

to the Park's 350 miles of blazed horse trails and are easily accessible from Oneida, TN and Stearns, KY. For further information, please contact Horse Camps, P.O. Box 4411, Oneida, TN 37841 or call (423) 569-3321.

CHARIT CREEK LODGE - Located in the Station Camp Creek drainage, this backcountry lodge offers full amenities including cabin or dormitory rentals. Access to the remote lodge is by foot or horse only. Stalls are available and riders are encouraged to book reservations well in advance. For further information on Charit Creek Lodge, write 250 Apple Valley Road, Sevierville, TN 37862 or call (865) 429-5704.