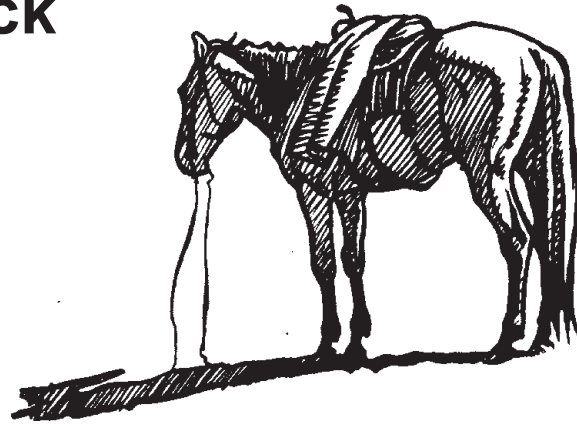


# Grand Teton

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway

National Park  
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## Saddle and Pack Stock



### General Information

Horses and other stock have been historically and traditionally used in the park and parkway. "Stock" is defined as horses, burros, mules, ponies and llamas.

Many high country trails are blocked by snow until mid-July and are impassable to stock. Trails may be closed, so check with the park permits office (307-739-3309) prior to trips. For this reason, many parties with stock animals camp in adjoining national forests and take day rides into the park.

### Camping

#### Stock Campsites Accessible by Vehicle

There is one campsite on the Death Canyon Trailhead Road. Hitchrails and a toilet are provided. A camping/fire permit is required and may be obtained at the Moose Visitor Center. The site may be used for one night only at the beginning or end of a trip into the backcountry. The site may be reserved by a written request to the Permits Office between January 1 and May 15. Sites not previously reserved are available on a first-come, first-served basis not more than 24 hours prior to your backcountry trip.

There are eight camping areas in the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway along the unpaved road between Flagg Ranch and Grassy Lake. There are a total of 14 sites in these areas, all of which allow stock animals. No permit is required.

Camping with stock animals is allowed in adjacent national forest areas without a permit. Further information may be obtained from the Bridger-Teton National Forest Supervisor's Office, Box 1888, Jackson 83001 (307) 733-5500.

#### Backcountry Stock Use/Camping

There are 5 designated backcountry stock camps in the park. Camping with stock is allowed only at these sites. Fires are not allowed and a backcountry camping permit **must** be obtained. The sites may be reserved in advance through a request to the Permits Office. All backcountry stock camps are signed and hitchrails are provided.

#### Backcountry horse camp locations:

- North Fork of Granite Canyon
- Death Canyon
- South Fork of Cascade Canyon
- Paintbrush Canyon below Holly Lake
- Berry Creek near Hechtman Creek

### Regulations

#### Areas Open to Stock Use

All travel with stock must be on **designated** trails with the following exceptions:

- In the park, off-trail travel is allowed only south of the RKO Road and east of the Teton Park Road and the Moose-Wilson Road, and between Moose Basin Divide and Forellen Peak Pass.
- Stock are permitted in hunt areas during the park's elk reduction program.
- In the Rockefeller Parkway, off-trail travel is allowed.

#### Closed Trails

The following trails in the park are closed to stock use:

- Rendezvous Mountain trail from the park boundary west of the tram to the Middle Fork cutoff of the Granite Creek trail.
- The trail to Surprise and Amphitheater lakes from the Valley trail.
- Hidden Falls foot trail between the Jenny Lake West Shore boat dock and the junction of the designated horse trail west of Inspiration Point.
- The foot trail on the east shore of Jenny Lake between the outlet of Jenny Lake and the junction of the designated horse trail north of Jenny Lake Overlook.
- Holly Lake trail from the Holly Lake hitchrail past Holly Lake to the Paintbrush Canyon trail.

#### General Regulations

- No party may have more than 12 head of stock for day use. No party may have more than 6 people or 10 head of stock for overnight trips.
- Grazing is prohibited. Processed feed must be packed in and used for all overnight stock trips; however, no hay may be packed in. Where allowed, all hay used in the park must be certified as weed free in compliance with Teton County standards.
- The construction of corrals, picketing, hobbling or tying stock to natural features such as trees is prohibited. If hitchrails are not available, tie a rope between two trees away from water sources.
- The right of way should be given to other stock by llama trekkers. A verbal warning of the presence of llamas should be given to those on horseback as soon as they are in hearing range. Llama trekkers should leave the trail and remain stationary until horses have passed.
- For safety reasons, only well-broken, properly shod (except llamas), gentle stock in good condition may be used.
- Keep stock animals at a slow walk when passing near people on foot or bicycle.
- Hikers are to step off the trail and remain quiet while stock animals pass as stock animals have the right-of-way.

#### Prohibited Actions

The following are prohibited:

- The use of animals other than those designated as stock to transport equipment.
- The use of stock animals outside of trails, routes or areas designated for their use.
- The use of stock animals on a park road, except where travel is necessary to access designated trails, areas of private property, and no alternative trails or routes have been designated; or when the road has been closed to motor vehicles.
- Free-trailing or loose-herding of stock animals.

#### Bears

- Black and grizzly bears live throughout the park and parkway and may be active any time of the day or night.
- Feeding spells death for bears. Proper food storage is required by federal law. Do not allow bears or other wildlife to obtain human or stock food. Refer to the park's *Backcountry* handout for directions on proper food storage while camping in the backcountry.

The Superintendent may establish special conditions concerning the use of stock animals.

# Backcountry Stock Camps

