

Tri-Co Horse Trails

Name of trail: Tri-Co Horse Trails

Location of trail: East Sparta, Ohio

Directions from nearest main route: I-77 to Exit 99 at Fohl Road, go east about 1 mile to Dueber Ave. SW, turn south for 4 miles to Downing St. SW, turn east to horse camp on right (about ¼ mile)

Trail Land Manager: Trail Master 330-879-9707, Tri-County Horseman's Association, Emergency Phone Numbers: 911 or Pike Township Fire 330-866-9211 or Sheriff 330-430-3800

Trail description: Trails cross roads, creeks, and private property. Many trails on Muskingum Watershed property – swampy areas – can be muddy in wet weather

Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.): Mostly bridle

Trail surface: dirt – rocky – can be muddy in wet weather – some hills & woods

Normal trail condition: some areas are wet and muddy

Trail condition during winter/wet weather: very muddy

Length of trail: 4 different trail loops that are about 12-15 miles each

Trailhead parking description: Great, plenty of parking around circular drive on about 5 or more acres.

Trailhead horse facilities: overnight camping available, water, and picket lines

Trailhead human facilities: water, outhouses, shelter and kitchen facilities

Unique /scenic trail features: Eating places on each of the 4 trails in the towns. Green trail takes you on the towpath into Zoar, Ohio.

Trail hazards: Some areas are in the swamp – must stay on the trail.

Trail rating: ___**Easy** – Level or gently sloping terrain; consistent groomed surface; wide trail surface; shallow or no water crossings

X **Moderate** – Rolling to hilly terrain; short steeper slopes; water crossings; irregular trail surface; narrower trail surface

X **Challenging** – Steeper hills; unimproved trail surface; deeper water crossings; wider water crossings; boggy areas

 Difficult – Very steep hills; long climbs or descents; narrow trail surface; faster flowing and wider water crossings; deep water crossings

Comments:

The 4 trail systems are:

Orange – goes north passing Cricket Valley Rodeo area and Springwood Valley Golf Course where there are hitching posts and you are welcome at the Club House to purchase food and drinks.

Blue – goes north with orange trail and then divides off and goes east into the town of East Sparta. Hitching posts are located at the Town Pump Tavern where meals can be purchased.

Red – goes west and south to Bolivar where there are plenty of eating-places. Hitching posts are at the McDonalds (must follow part of the green trail to get to McDonalds.)

Green – this scenic trail goes off the red trail into Bolivar, across Rt 212 at the Golf Course and NTR Canoe Livery following I-77 where you then get on the Towpath Trail (Ohio to Erie Canal) that will take you into Zoar. You can also continue past Zoar on the Towpath to Rt 800 in Zoarville and to Camp Tuscazoar (the old Boy Scout Camp) where there are horse trails available to ride. At Camp Tuscazoar they ask you to sign in so they know you are there.