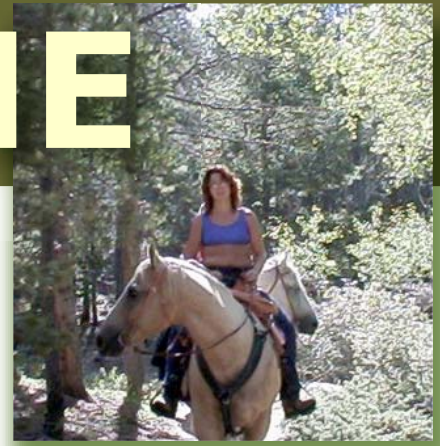


EQUINE LINE

Equestrian Opportunities At Jefferson County Open Space

While many of our parks have designated locations for horse trailers to park; equestrians may find these spaces filled with regular vehicles due to the popularity of our trails. Parking will be less of a challenge on weekdays, as the number of visitors is significantly less. Due to the popularity of our parks, it is advisable to arrive early to secure a parking spot. Please stay on trails.



Alderfer/Three Sisters Park:

12.5 miles of trail.

Use LeMasters Street parking lot for trailering horses.

All trails are open to equestrians.

Must cross Buffalo Park Road to access the trails in the Evergreen Mountain area.

Apex Park:

8.2 miles of trail within Apex Park.

Parking lot at Heritage Square is shared with shuttles to the Central City/ Black Hawk area.

Popular for mountain bike use!

Riding Apex Trail up to Lookout Mountain Trail, and connecting with Chimney Gulch Trail, provides a 7.3 miles of trail to ride. Beaver Brook Trail is hiker only. You may return via the same route or you may ride along Hwy 6 to return to the Heritage Square parking lot.

Centennial Cone Park:

Approximately 10 miles of trail

Currently under development. Designated equestrian parking only at northern trailhead at Camino Perdido and Douglas Mountain Road. Maximum of three horse trailers at this trailhead. Be aware that the Travois Trail utilizes a narrow bridge crossing at Elk Creek drainage for habitat protection.

Equestrian users welcome anyday. Hikers and Bikers alternate weekend days with even weekend dates for mountain bikers and odd weekend dates for hikers. Seasonal closures may apply. Check kiosk for information and maps.

Crown Hill Park:

8.6 miles of trail.

Parking for 1-2 trailers on western-most parking lot along 26th Ave.

Small arena managed by Lakewood at this parking lot.

Wildlife sanctuary area closed to equestrian use.

Deer Creek Canyon Park:

10.1 miles of trail.

Designated equestrian parking (+\ - 5 trailers).

Park has some hiker only trails.

Red Mesa Loop from the parking lot requires a lot of climbing, mostly on old roadbed.

Elk Meadow Park:

13.1 miles of trail.

Designated equestrian parking at the Lewis Ridge parking lot (+/- 4 trailers).

Trailer parking at Stagecoach Blvd. is tight and generally not recommended.

Flying J Ranch Park

4.3 miles of trail.

Designated equestrian parking in the main parking lot; parking lot is tight.

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Lair o' the Bear Park:

2.4 miles of trail within Park; connects to three Denver Mountain Parks via Bear Creek Trail (7.5 miles), but expect heavy mountain bike use. All other Denver Mountain Park trails are hiker only.

Designated equestrian parking on the north side of the lot.

Offers limited trails for equestrian use; popular park for picnickers.

Portions of Creekside Trail around picnic area are closed to horses.

Matthews/Winters Park:

7.6 miles of trail.

Limited equestrian parking to the west of the parking lot, along access road to private residences, turn-a-round possible at old barn.

Popular for mountain bike use!

Meyer Ranch Park:

3.8 miles of trail.

Equestrian parking available in parking lot on north side of Hwy. 285.

Mount Falcon Park:

9.4 miles of trail.

Designated equestrian parking at both the east and west parking lots.

Very popular park.

Turkey Trot Trail is hiker only.

Pine Valley Ranch Park:

3.5 miles of trail.

Equestrian parking in the first lot that you come to as you enter the park.

Trails around the lake and in the picnic area are designated for hikers only.

Great access into the trails in the Pike National Forest!

Mountain bikers also frequent these trails.

Reynolds Park:

5.9 miles of trail.

No designated trailer parking at this location.

Both parking lots are large enough to easily accommodate trailers.

Pack-in equestrian camping available – 1 site (up to 2 tents & 6 people) with hitching rail.

Camping permit required; available same day at west parking lot or at Open Space office three or more days in advance of camping.

South Valley Park:

5.7 miles of trail

Designated equestrian parking in north lot.

Trail connection to Deer Creek Canyon Park – access to Kathy Johnson Trail in Ken Caryl.

Van Bibber Park:

3.5 miles of trail.

Designated equestrian parking at east and west parking lots. East parking lot must be accessed from southbound lane of Ward Road!

White Ranch:

19.7 miles of trail.

Limited equestrian parking at both west and east lots. Pine Cliff Stables is near the east lot; the east lot is a popular trailhead for mountain bikers. West parking lot is tight.

Pack-in equestrian camping available – 10 sites (up to 3 tents & 8 people each site) with hitching rail, corral and horse trough. Camping permit required; available same day at west parking lot or at Open Space office three or more days in advance of camping.