

Deer Prairie Creek Preserve

EQUESTRIAN USE

Deer Prairie Creek Preserve is open for horseback riding on two designated equestrian loop trails. The short equestrian loop trail covers nearly six miles of the property through areas of historical cattle ranching and habitats that include pine flatwoods and hammocks. The long equestrian loop trail covers 9.4 miles of similar habitat with an additional section along the west bank of Deer Prairie Creek. These trails were chosen to ensure a scenic and varied route and as much shade as possible.



Horse Trailer Parking

Parking is available for five horse trailers at the north entrance of the preserve. Equestrian users who would like to access the property are required to register with Sarasota County Natural Resources and to provide an annual negative Coggins test for each horse. Upon receipt of registration and Coggins test results, the combination to the lock on the entrance gate will be provided. For security reasons, the lock combination will change several times per year and registered users will be notified of the new combination.

Registration

To register, please mail, fax or email the following information to the address below:

- Full name of each rider
- Address
- Phone
- Email
- Copy of current negative Coggins test result for each horse that will be ridden on the property

DPCP Equestrian Registration

Sarasota County Natural Resources
Fax: 941-861-5959
Email: horsetrails@scgov.net
Phone: 941-861-5000 (Ask For Natural Resources)
Address: 1660 Ringling Blvd., 5th Flr. Sarasota, FL 34236

Rules and Recommendations

Please Stay On the Trails

Please stay on the trails designated for equestrian use as indicated on this trail map. Please respect other user groups as these trails are also used by hikers and bicyclists.

Negative Coggins Test

State law requires that riders carry proof of current negative Coggins results with them at all times. Please be sure to carry a copy of the test results with you while onsite. Access to the site is granted for the period in which the submitted Coggins test result is valid, but not more

than one year from the date of registration. Updated Coggins test results must be sent to Sarasota County Natural Resources annually.

Ride At Your Own Risk and Come Prepared

Please ride at your own risk. Under Florida law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities. In addition, the property does not have any facilities such as restrooms. There is a watering trough for horses, as indicated on the map, but no water is available for human consumption. To ensure a safe and enjoyable day on the preserve, please be sure to come prepared.

DEER PRAIRIE CREEK PRESERVE EQUESTRIAN TRAILS

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LEGEND

- Main Entrance Parking
- Water Trough
- Trail Mileage Point
- Trail Marker
- Picnic Table and Hitching Post
- Short Equestrian Trail (0.5-3 miles)
- Long Equestrian Trail (0.5 miles)
- Hiking Trails
- Preserve Boundary
- (Equestrian Use Only)
- (Equestrian Use Prohibited)

