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Wow, we have an incredible army of equestrian groups and businesses that support the Friends! Thanks to our wonderful 2015 sponsors:

- Apple River Riders
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**Thank You!**

**2016 Vehicle, Trail Pass and Camping Fees**

Vehicle Sticker Fees	Annual	Reduced Rate (2 <sup>nd</sup> vehicle)	Daily
WI resident	\$28	\$15.50	\$8
WI resident age 65+	\$13	N/A	\$3
Non-resident	\$38	\$20.50	\$11

**Camping Fees**

**\$16/night - resident, \$21/night - non-resident, \$10/night extra for electric**

**Wisconsin Trail Pass**

**\$25 annual, \$5 daily**

All riders 16 and older are required to have a trail pass. You can buy passes at:

- 1.) Trade River Campground and Day Camp
- 2.) Governor Knowles State Forest Headquarters  
325 State Road 70 in Grantsburg, WI 54840
- 3.) Polk County Information Center  
Intersection of Hwy 8 & Hwy 35 in St. Croix Falls, WI 54024
- 4.) RNR Ranch & Tack, 2687 Nevers Dam Road  
St. Croix Falls, WI 54024

**“Saddle Up for the Forest”  
raises over \$800**

Our 2015 Saddle Up for the Forest event was also an official ride for the Western Wisconsin Trail Horse Competition. Forty-one riders met at the Trade River Day Camp on September 5 and took on six obstacles strategically located along the Brown Trail.

Judges scored riders on a variety of criteria in three divisions. Here are the 2015 first place winners:

- Jackpot Division - Tiara Swanson
- Just for Fun Division - Trudy Midas
- Youth Division - Nicholas Lentz

**Huge Brown Trail  
Washout Repaired**

Friends Partner with  
Wisconsin Horse Council

Up to your hocks in mud is not where us horse people want to be on the trail. Fortunately, for the more than 5,000 riders a year visiting Governor Knowles State Forest, that is no longer a problem.

Thanks to your support of the Friends and a grant from the Wisconsin Horse Council, a major wash-out on one of the Forest's most popular trails is ready to ride again.

"We had a very deep and steep washout on the Brown Trail near the Trade River Day Camp," said Patti Lehman, Friends' president. "That trail is very popular and gets a lot of traffic."

Stabilizing the trail required 30 hours of skid steer work, 56 tons of Class 5 gravel, 48 tons of 1-1/2 inch rock and 19 tons of slag. Total cost came to \$6,664.

Through members like you, we raised over \$4,500 for the project and received a \$2,100 grant from the Wisconsin Horse Council.

**Electric Sites Come to  
Campground**

Looking to blend up a nutritious smoothie after a long ride? The Trade River Camp Ground now has eight electric sites. This includes site 5 and sites 9 through 15. The electric sites cost \$10/night extra over the camping fee.

Take a virtual ride on the improved Brown trail on the Welcome page of our website:  
[www.governorknowles.org](http://www.governorknowles.org)

**Fire Wood Sales Help Fight  
Ash Borer**

All firewood brought into the Forest must be cut within Wisconsin and no farther away than 10 miles. No wood from Minnesota is allowed in the Forest. This is to help stop the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer.

The Friends sell certified firewood at the Trade River Campground. All proceeds are used to fund improvements of your riding experience.

**Annual Membership Meeting**

March 26, 2016  
8:30 AM Social hour, 9:30 AM Meeting  
Wisconsin Interstate Park - Ice Age Interpretive Center

Take Hwy 35 south of Hwy 8 from St Croix Falls .3 miles to park entry on west side Hwy 8

**For more information: Patti – 715-483-9292 or [Patti@rnrtrack.com](mailto:Patti@rnrtrack.com)**

**Be A Friend**

Improving your experience in the Forest while building a stronger community to protect this incredible treasure. That’s what the Friends is all about. None of it can happen without your support. Please donate today!

Equestrian Friends of Governor Knowles  
State Forest, Inc.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

- Individual **\$10.00**
- Family **\$15.00**
- Sponsor **\$25.00**

*Membership and General Information*

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