

Equestrian Friends of Governor Knowles State Forest NEWSLETTER

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Red Trail Moved from Mud Hole

One of the most popular rides in the Forest is the Red Trail loop. When you catch it off the Brown Trail and take the southern section you ride parallel to the St. Croix River and a beautiful wetland system.

With all the water flowing there has been a notorious mud hole building for years. In 2016, the Friends worked with private land owners to move the trail to dry land. Volunteers blocked off the old trail through the mud hole and cleared a new route.

Thanks to your support of the Friends riders can now make it all around the Red Trail Loop without disappearing into a mud hole!

Reserved Sites at Trade River Campground

Campers can now go online and reserve campsites for the Trade River Campground through ReserveAmerica.com.

2017 National Trails Day Bucket Ride

Join our 2017 National Trails Day celebration on June 3. No trail pass required on this day!

This year we are doing a "Bucket Ride." Contestants will search for six buckets full of colorful Mardi Gras beads located on the trail. Riders can win prizes with the beads. This will be a fun ride - go as far as you want. Join us for a potluck lunch.

June 3, 2017

Trade River Day Use Area

2976 Evergreen Road (279th Avenue)

Registration: 9:00 to 10:00 am

Prizes and Potluck: 1:30 pm

\$10 per rider

For More information contact

Shannon Schacht: 715-268-6524

2016 "Saddle Up for the Forest" raises over \$1,500

Our 2016 Saddle Up for the Forest event was also an official ride for the Western Wisconsin Trail Horse Competition. Sixty-two riders met at the Trade River Day Camp on September 3 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 2016 first place winners:

Jackpot Division - Shawn Erickson

Just for Fun Division - Angie Kran

Youth Division - Bella Helke

Generous Sponsors Help Make it Happen

Wow, we have an incredible army of equestrian groups and businesses that support the Friends! These wonderful 2016 sponsors donated more than \$1,900:

Apple River Riders
Minnesota Distance Riders
Minnesota Competitive Mounted Orienteering
Peterson Farm Equipment
Scandia Riders Saddle Club
Upper Midwest Endurance and Competitive Rides Association
Willow River Riders Saddle Club

Thank You!

2017 Vehicle, Trail Pass and Camping Fees

Vehicle Sticker Fees	Annual	Reduced Rate (2 nd vehicle)	Daily
WI resident	\$28	\$15.50	\$8
WI resident age 65+	\$13	N/A	\$3
Non-resident	\$38	\$20.50	\$11
Trail Passes*	\$25		\$5
Camping Fees	Resident \$16/night	Non Resident \$21/night	\$10 extra for electric

*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

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 25, 2017

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@rnrtack.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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City, State, Zip _____
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