
Wranglers



Wranglers Campground and its 100-mile network of horse trails offers some of the most scenic spots at Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area.

Bordering Lake Barkley and beautiful Fords Bay on the east and nestled between Laura Furnace Creek and Lick Creek on the west, it's the only place at Land Between the Lakes designed for horseback riders and horse-drawn wagons.

White-tail deer, wild turkey, hawks, native plants, wildflowers, unique historic sites and a shoreline teeming with waterfowl are just a few of the pleasures you'll find along our trails at Wranglers.

Guided trail rides: Rocking U Riding Stables offers guided trail rides on the hour for 45 and 90 minutes April through October. Pony rides available for youth age 6 and younger.

Call for information and reservations 270.924.2211.

Adopt-a-Trail: Please inquire at the gatehouse about Wranglers' Adopt-a-Trail Program as you ride. Pick up free litter bags at the gatehouse also.

Horse Health Policy

All horses are required to have proof of a current equine infectious anemia (EIA) Test (Coggins) and a current veterinary health certificate in compliance with Kentucky State laws. Refer to www.kyagr.com or call 502.564.4696 for more information.

Protect Your Trails

Keep trails scenic | "Pack it in, Pack it out"

Always crush out all cigarette butts and pack them out with you; especially during fire season.

Please help us remove litter from trails. Litter bags are available at the gatehouse. You may leave bags along our trails and roads for staff to pick-up. Notify gatehouse staff of location.

Help reduce erosion which damages our trails. Use designated trails to enter and exit the campground. Avoid taking short cuts, cutting across switchbacks, and riding in wet conditions. Do not create new trails.

Help us by reporting trees down on our trails.

Wranglers Trail Map

5100 Laura Furnace Road
Golden Pond, KY 42211

270.924.2201

Wranglers Campground specializes in providing year-round opportunities for horseback riding and wagon driving enthusiasts. It offers 220 well-defined sites — some with electrical hookups, sites with electric, water, and sewer, primitive sites, and 12 primitive cabins available for nightly rental.

Most sites are capable of handling large motor homes and horse trailers. Campers have access to modern facilities, 100 miles of horse trails, activity court, and stalls, plus farrier and blacksmith services on weekends from April through November.

Guided trail rides and riding stables are available from April through October.

Horses have the right-of-way at this campground.

All overnight campers with horses must camp at Wranglers Campground. Camping with horses anywhere except Wranglers is strictly prohibited.



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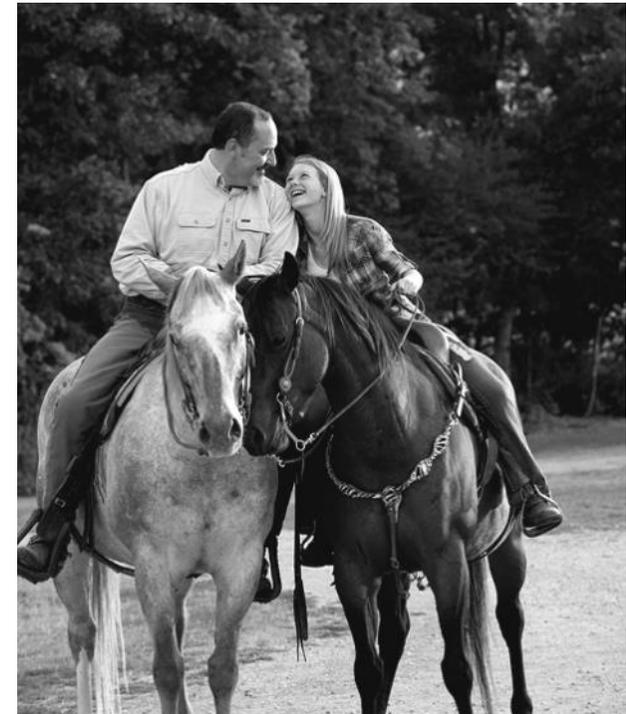
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To contact Forest Service Law Enforcement
Call 877.861.2457

Wranglers Horse and Wagon ~Trails Map~

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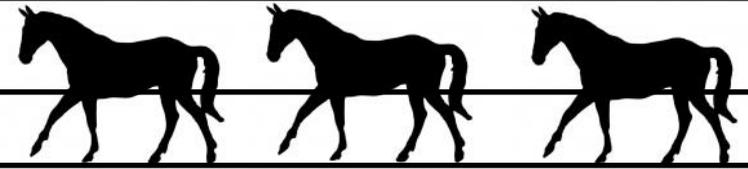


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Wranglers Horse and Wagon Trails

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Trail 1: This 5.2-mile trail departs from “C” area. Riders follow the trail along the western edge of Ford’s Bay on Lake Barkley. This trail offers many scenic vistas and opportunities to view wildlife such as bald eagles, ospreys, waterfowl, and shorebirds.

Binoculars recommended.

Trail 2: This short 2-mile loop trail provides beautiful late afternoon or early morning rides. It departs from “C” trail head. Watch for deer, turkey, and flowers.

Trail 3: This 2.6-mile loop trail departs from “E” trail head and returns to camp in the back of “D” overflow. It too provides a great early morning or evening ride.

Trail 4: This 3-mile trail begins in area “A” at the old tobacco barn. We designed Trail 4 to follow saddles and ridge tops which minimize erosion and resource damage. Horse enthusiasts enjoy this trail at night while riding under a full moon.

Tobacco Barn | FS Rd #172

Evidence of tobacco’s importance can be seen at this abandoned farm and homestead, south of Wranglers off Forest Service Road 172. This old tobacco barn has been standing for decades. Its solid construction barely shows the passage of time. Other structures nearby — an old chicken coop, shed, and the homestead itself — wear their age with grace and dignity.

Trail 5: This 9.3-mile trail departs from “A” trail head by the old Tobacco Barn. On this trail, you will find natural springs, gentle rolling hills, and open fields.

Home is where the habitat is...

Take notice of small ponds. These small wetland ecosystems provide habitat for waterfowl nests, aquatic reptiles, and amphibians. Ponds provide food, water, and shelter for many species of wildlife you may seldom see.

Riding in creeks and streams pollutes our watersheds. Avoid lengthy rides in creeks, streams, ponds, and lakes. Protect our wildlife.

Trail 6: Departing from the day-use area, this 11.8-mile trail takes you to “Blue Hole.” Pack a lunch for a relaxing picnic by the creek — we provide picnic tables and tethering poles. You might want to also visit the block building, Laura Furnace, plus the historical marker and grave of The Little Drummer Boy.

Blue Hole

Laura Furnace Creek empties into Blue Hole, a deep spring rich in blue color for most of the year. Located on the south end of our horseback riding area, it’s a favorite spot for riders because of the peaceful scenery, cool water and close to many historic sites.

Notice the abundance of shiny blue rocks on the ground? That’s slag, evidence of the Laura Iron Furnace. The furnace ceased operations more than 100 years ago and left a permanent mark on the landscape.

Please leave “slag” or “blue rocks” behind for others to enjoy. These artifacts date from the late 1800’s Iron Industry and are a protected.

Laura Furnace

Iron ore production helped the area prosper during the mid-1800s. It also took its toll on the environment. On the eastern boundary of Wranglers, Laura Furnace Creek flows right by the site of the old Laura Furnace. Notice the blue slag covering the forest floor, a by-product of the smelting process. Up the hill, large stones are testament to the furnace structure, now long gone. Observe the uniform size of the meadow’s trees; all planted at the same time. Workers cut timber near iron furnaces for charcoal, the iron furnaces’ fuel supply. Laura Furnace ceased production in 1880, and the forest is still recovering from its overuse.

To learn more about the iron industry at Land Between the Lakes, visit the Center Iron Furnace or Great Western Iron Furnace’s display boards or check out our Iron Industry Ruins’ page under our self guided tab.

Little Drummer Boy

Historians believe Nathan Futrell to be the youngest drummer boy in the Revolutionary War at seven years old. The childhood adventures of this little American patriot have become the stuff of legends. By 1820, the North Carolina-born Futrell had settled right here on Ford’s Creek where he planted the area’s first apple orchard. He and his wife, Charity, are buried up a hill a mile or two beyond Wranglers Campground. The Daughters of the American Revolution erected a plaque in honor of Futrell’s war contributions.

Kindly tether your horses outside the cemetery when you pay your respects.

Trail 7: After going to the Blue Hole on Trail 6, you may want to continue on to Trail 7 to the tobacco barn. This 10.8-mile trail departs from area “C.” It follows along Forest Service Roads #174 and #353 before crossing Road #165.

Trail 8: The longest trail in the system, this 19.3-mile trail departs from area “C” and is shared with hikers along portions of the North/South Trail. Several roads serve as part of the trail. At the half-way point, you may join up with Trail 12 and ride around the South Bison Range to take in the sights.

When utilizing multi-use trails, be respectful of other user groups like hikers and bikers.

Trail 9: This 8-mile trail departs from the Day Use Area and crosses Forest Service Road #165. Watch for the old chimney and natural spring near Bacon Creek Road.

Trail 10: This 10.5-mile trail has become our riders favorite trail. It offers a wide variety of terrain. Ride along the edge of Lake Barkley and notice the homestead remnants.

Please do not disturb these remnants. Be careful and watch for old wells and cisterns.

Help us preserve our heritage.

Carvings and graffiti on trees and structures are unsightly and detrimental to timber and historical structures. Protect your public land.

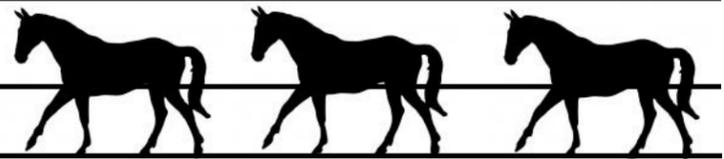
Trail 11: This trail was closed due to the expansion of US68/KY80. In 2017 we opened this 16-mile re-route with help from the local chapter of Backcountry Horsemen of America, contractors, Forest Service staff and other volunteers.

Trail 12: This 7.3-mile spur trail can take you around the South Bison Range, Great Western Furnace, and The Homeplace 1850s Farm Picnic Area. This spur requires back tracking to return to Wranglers Campground. Riders share the North/South Trail with hikers and bikers beginning at the southernmost point of Trail 8 near Kiosk E.

South Bison Range

Bison may look slow and docile, but can reach speeds of up to 35 mph. Do not taunt the bison. These bison can break through this fence. Use caution.

Wranglers Horse and Wagon Trails



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Our horse and wagon trails lead to some of the most scenic spots at Land Between the Lakes. Horse riders can travel along backcountry roads and authorized trails. We offer **100-miles of horse trails**.

You may trailer your horses to other areas to ride. You must display your camping, annual, or day-use permit. Know the rules; horses are restricted from some areas on Land Between the Lakes.

Horses are strictly prohibited from cemeteries, agricultural fields, day-use areas, hike/bike trails and developed areas other than Wranglers Camp.

Many old fences, wells, cisterns, and other hazards exist in the forest from old homesteads and iron industry. To avoid these hazards, we recommend riding on designated trails only.

ASTM International (American Society for Testing and Materials) recommends helmets with equestrian use.

Information kiosks have been installed at key points on the trail system to help you recognize your location. Please do not tie horses to kiosks.

Trail Markers

Brown signs mark horse trails; yellow paint on trees mark state boundaries. Crossing Woodlands Trace is permitted. Crossing or entering the US68/KY80 corridor is prohibited.

White signs mark hike/bike trails. Horses are restricted from hiking trails. Exceptions include the North/South Trail from Road 342 to Road 205 and the Model Trail around South Bison Range.

Horses are restricted from Woodlands Trace and right-of-way except from Colson Overlook to Forest Service Road 170 Ford's Bay Road; and Forest Service Road 356 to 204.

Horse Trail Rules

Be courteous. We encourage riders to wear reflectors during dusk and dawn hours. You will want to shoe your horses as many trails are rocky. Avoid riding cross-country during periods of wet soil conditions in order to protect our trails.

Pack out your trash—Do not litter along trails

Permits: Open year round for trail riding, Wranglers offers Annual Day-use Permits for \$75 per trailer from March 1 through February 28, and Daily Trailer Permits for \$7. You can purchase these from the gatehouse. Daily permits may also be purchased online.

Deer Hunting Season: We host hunters with firearms during deer season in October and November; trails may be restricted. Please call ahead to check hunt dates and areas open to horseback riding.

Pets: Pets must be on a leash of 6 feet or less and under physical control while in campground. Pets cannot be left unattended. Please take notice of Campground Boundary signs and leash pets at this point when returning to camp.

Tethering: Tether horses so they cannot chew bark off trees; damage to trees is punishable with a maximum fine of \$1,000.

Picnic tables, tethering poles and trash cans have been added to several rest areas.

Wagons: Fluorescent triangles are required on all wagons. Front and rear lights are also required for night rides. No racing allowed.

