

2023 EQUESTRIAN PERMIT APPLICATION



Minnewaska State Park Preserve
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* MANDATORY REQUIREMENT - PROOF OF NEGATIVE EQUINE TEST RECORD*

RIDER OR DRIVER'S NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____

ADDRESS: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

CIRCLE PERMIT REQUESTED:

MINNEWASKA STATE PARK PRESERVE DAILY: \$ 5.00 ANNUAL : \$ 20.00
(ISSUED DAY OF OUTING ONLY)
GOOSEPOND & HIGHLAND LAKES ONLY NO FEE

~FILL OUT, SIGN AND RETURN APPLICATION TO THE ADDRESS ABOVE WITH PAYMENT, IF APPLICABLE AND A COPY OF A NEGATIVE EQUINE TEST RECORD.

~CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO NYS PARKS.

~PERMITS ARE VALID: 4/1/23-12/31/23, IF WEATHER & TRAIL CONDITIONS PERMIT (CALL FIRST TO CHECK).

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, PLEASE NOTIFY: (OTHER THAN STABLE)

NAME: _____ RELATION: _____ PHONE #: _____

ADDRESS: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

STABLE INFORMATION: (FOR EMERGENCY PURPOSES)

STABLE NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____

ADDRESS: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

I HAVE READ THE EQUESTRIAN RULES AND INFORMATION ON THE REVERSE OF THIS PAGE AND I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS PERMIT MAY BE REVOKED FOR VIOLATING THESE RULES, AND THAT I WILL FORFEIT RIDING PRIVILEGES AND ANY FEES PAID.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE IF UNDER 18 _____

PERMIT #: _____

HORSE #1 NAME: _____

CASH CREDIT CARD CHECK #: _____

NEGATIVE COGGINS TEST DATE: _____

DATE _____ ISSUED BY: _____

HORSE #2 NAME _____

NEGATIVE COGGINS TEST DATE: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

HORSE #3 NAME _____

NEGATIVE COGGINS TEST DATE: _____

EQUESTRIAN RULES & INFO FOR MINNEWASKA, GOOSEPOND MOUNTAIN & HIGHLAND LAKES

1. **Due to the heavy volume of traffic on weekends and holidays, equestrian use will only be permitted on non-holiday weekdays for 2023. The Awosting Parking Lot has been filling to capacity early and does not leave enough space for trucks and trailers to safely enter or exit the parking lot.**
2. **Horses are not permitted on any grass area around the Visitor Center, ADA path or on concrete walkways in upper parking near the Lake Minnewaska Visitor Center, or the main entrance road.**
3. I agree to bring only equines certified to be free of Equine Infectious Anemia into the parks. I will produce upon request a current negative, New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Equine Infection Anemia Test Record (negative Coggins test) for each equine brought into the park.
4. I understand that all riders under the age of 18 must wear an ASTM (American Society for Testing & Materials) approved riding helmet. All riders are strongly encouraged to wear approved riding helmets.
5. I agree to assume all risk in connection with this permit & will be solely responsible & answerable in damages for all accidents/injuries to person or property. I agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the People of the State of New York, the Executive Department, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; Palisades Interstate Park Commission; their commissioners, officers, agents and employees from and against damages for injury to or death of persons and for damage to or destruction of property of State Parks or others occurring during Permittee's use of said premises and caused by the acts, omissions, neglect or misconduct of Permittee or any of its employees, agents, contractors, licensees or guests in the conduct of Permittee's operations under this permit. The Permittee assumes all risk of loss of the Permittee's property or that of its agents, employees, contractors and guests. I agree that this permit will be binding upon me, my heirs, legal representative and assigns forever.
6. Permittee shall promptly report any and all unusual incidents directly to the Park Preserve Manager or Park Police. Unusual incidents include, but are not limited to, damage to park property, accidents, personal injuries, and emergencies involving medical personnel.
7. Ride at a walk, trot or canter. Galloping is prohibited.
8. Horses must be properly saddled and bridled. Riding double or bareback is prohibited.
9. Each horse must have a rider who is in control of only one horse at a time.
10. Permits are issued to each rider not the horse and permits must be carried when riding.
11. Carriage roads are shared by many users, meet and pass all other users at a walk and in single file.
12. Horseback riding is allowed on maintained, designated carriage roads only. Horseback riding is not permitted on the Smiley Carriage Road or the Stony Kill Carriage Road.
13. Carriage Roads can be closed at any time.
14. Bow hunting for DEER ONLY is permitted at Highland Lakes State Park. Hunting is permitted on weekdays only, no weekends. Hunting season is 10/1/23 – 12/20/23.

YOU CAN FIND HORSEBACK RIDING APPLICATIONS ON THE NYS PARKS WEBSITE UNDER MINNEWASKA, OR CALL 845-255-0752 OR SEND AN EMAIL REQUEST TO TERRI.MCNEIL@PARKS.NY.GOV