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## All-in for fun!

Riders and Hikers

Sunday, June 4, 2017

Rain or Shine! Cash Prizes!

Governor Dodge State Park 4175 State Hwy 23 N Dodgeville, WI 53533

## Lunch Included! Games & Raffle! 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Registration opens at 9:00

\$30 per participant
Proceeds Fund Equestrian Projects at Governor Dodge State Park

Note: Park vehicle sticker and trail pass fees are waived for this event.

For more information: govdodgehorses@gmail.com

## Register before May 15 for free T-shirt!

Registration received by 5/15/17 T -Shirt Size
Unisex _S _M_L_XL_XXL
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## Friends of Governor Dodge- Equestrians

Located just 50 miles southwest of Madison in Wisconsin's unique Driftless area, Governor Dodge State Park offers many



opportunities for equestrian fun and challenge. Untouched by the glacial activity of the last ice age, the park's terrain is varied and dramatic with high ridges, deep valleys, and rock formations. With over 5,000 acres and nearly 25 miles of well-maintained trails, Governor Dodge State Park offers some of the most beautiful horseback riding opportunities in Wisconsin.

As one of Wisconsin's most visited state parks, Governor Dodge is a destination for outdoor enthusiasts of all types. There are two man-made lakes with beaches, two family campgrounds, one horse campground, and well-loved land-

marks such as Stephens Falls and Enee Point. The park's history can be explored by visits to a pioneer cemetery or one of the several springhouses (pioneer refrigerators) that remain throughout the park. There is even a rock shelter used in pre-settlement times by native peoples, with an interpretive kiosk explaining the artifacts found by archaeologists excavating the site.

Because of the park's popularity, riders will often encounter families of hikers, dog walkers, trail runners, and on some limited sections, mountain bikers. This diversity of users means that a ride in the park typically offers many opportunities to be a goodwill ambassador for the horse community on multi-use trails. Happy encounters on the trail create special memories for riders and for those we meet and greet out on the trail.



Imagine the delight in a toddler's eyes when they meet in person the first horse ever seen outside the pages of a picture book



("It's big, really BIG"), or the happy smile of a child who shyly touches the velvety nose of a "pretty horsie" (having asked permission first, of course!). Enjoy the shared laughter with sweaty hikers commenting on how they wish they could hitch a ride, or wave at the boaters on Cox Hollow Lake while traversing the earthen dam. All of these are common experiences for riders who use and love the trails at Governor Dodge.

The Friends of Governor Dodge-Equestrians, as part of the Friends of Governor Dodge State Park, work to support recreation, education, and environmental stewardship in our beautiful park. Our special focus is on promoting and enhancing equestrian opportunities at Governor Dodge. Each year we sponsor fun events such as scavenger hunts or young horse lover clinics. This year, we will host a fund-raising poker ride on **Sunday, June 4th**. We invite you to **"Ante Up for Governor** 

**Dodge"** by registering to attend the poker ride, or by making a donation of raffle items or cash for prizes. See our website <a href="www.GovDodgeEquestrians.com">www.GovDodgeEquestrians.com</a> for further details on registering or donating, and for more information about future planned events.

