

A New Look for Governor Dodge Day Ride Trailhead



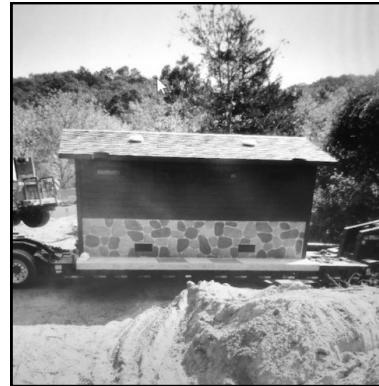
Coming to Governor Dodge State Park for a day ride this season? If so, expect a new look at the day ride trailhead featuring improved traffic flow, parking organization, and an enhanced trailhead “comfort station.”

For years, a common concern of day ride park users has been the lack of a clear parking plan, and the problems that result when early arrivals or non-horse users don’t know where to park. In response to these concerns, the Friends of Governor Dodge-Equestrians took this problem to park

management and the landscape architect who is designing the new campground. Together, we developed a plan for new entrance and exit drives, along with signage showing how/where to park horse trailers. A separate area reserved for car parking should reduce congestion and make the area easier for all to use.

In addition, the day ride trailhead “comfort station” will be greatly improved by the installation of a permanent, accessible vault toilet. This amenity, funded by the Friends of Governor Dodge and several matching grants, will be enjoyed by day riders, horse campers traversing the park’s perimeter Driftless Trail, and by hikers and rock climbers who also use the trailhead parking. And, it will eventually serve campsites 1-8 at the new campground!

An informational kiosk will be erected at the trailhead, where visitors can find trail information, listings of local resources, park and Friends events and updates on campground progress. A new “Iron Ranger” donation box will be installed near the kiosk where visitors will be invited to contribute to the campground fund.



For those who may not be aware, the FOGD Equestrians are raising funds to build an all-new 21 site equestrian campground at Governor Dodge State Park, adjacent to the current day ride parking. Since launching the capital fund drive in June of 2018 the group has raised \$140,000 of the estimated \$650,000 construction budget. It was wonderful to see the horse community truly “rise to the challenge” of the \$25,000 matching grant offered in August of 2018, contributing over \$29,000 by year’s end!



Fundraising efforts continue with a fabulous raffle (drawing to be held on April 14 at Midwest Horse Fair) and a Poker Ride at the park scheduled on June 2nd.

To learn more about the raffle, poker ride, campground plans, or the Friends of Governor Dodge State Park-Equestrians, visit our website at www.GovDodgeEquestrians.com.

Come out and explore all this amazing park has to offer. Horse trails open May 1.

GOVERNOR DODGE STATE PARK

*A Winning Bet***All-in for fun!****Riders and Hikers*****Sunday, June 2,
2019*****Rain or Shine! Cash Prizes!**

Governor Dodge State Park

4175 State Hwy 23 N

Dodgeville, WI 53533

Lunch Included & Silent Auction**9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Registration opens at 9:00****\$30 per participant****Members get an extra card! Join us!****Register online at www.GovDodgeEquestrians.com**

***Note: Park vehicle sticker and trail pass fees are
WAIVED this weekend. Current Negative Coggins Required.***

For more information: govdodgehorses@gmail.com**Register before May 12 for free T-shirt!**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Check payable to: Friends of Governor Dodge-Equestrians
Mail to: Sue Press W5151 Young Road Eagle, WI 53119

Registration received by 5/15/18

T-Shirt Size

Unisex S M L XL XXL
V neck Crew neck

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