



for Governor Dodge

# All-in for fun!

## Riders and Hikers

### Sunday, June 3, 2018

### Rain or Shine! Cash Prizes!

Governor Dodge State Park

4175 State Hwy 23 N

Dodgeville, WI 53533

# Lunch Included! Games & Raffle!

9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Registration opens at 9:00

## \$30 per participant

Become a member and get an extra card!

Register online at [www.GovDodgeEquestrians.com](http://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](mailto:govdodgehorses@gmail.com)

## Register before May 15 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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## Have You Heard about Friends of Governor Dodge-Equestrians?

By Sandy Rogers & Photos By Lori Brose

Our group came together in 2015 with the primary goal of promoting and enhancing equestrian activities at one of our favorite state parks, Governor Dodge. Located in the Driftless area of Iowa County and only an hour west of Madison, this is a place you don't want to miss. The 22 miles of bridle trails wind through lush forests and flower covered meadows, with several small creek crossings along the way. The well-maintained trails offer views of beautiful rock outcrops and the park's two peaceful lakes. We love this place!



Our group has accomplished quite a bit in a relatively short time. In 2015 and 2016 we hosted very successful scavenger hunt fundraisers. We also created an educational Horsin' Around Kids' Camp that was a big hit with young horse lovers. Our funds provided a porta potty at the day ride parking area and several mounting blocks throughout the park. The 2017 "Ante Up for Governor Dodge" poker ride was our best fundraiser yet. Last year we also held our first annual "Share the Trails" Open House with over 250 park users stopping by to meet the horses and learn about trail safety.

Our group's main goal is to replace the "temporary" equestrian campground with a new one that will truly welcome horse-riding enthusiasts, offering riders from across the region a better base from which to enjoy the beautiful trails at Governor Dodge. We have made great progress in bringing this dream to reality.

In late 2016 the DNR provided us with plans for a new campground based on everything we said we wanted. We spent the following year gathering feedback about the plans from folks throughout the horse community. The results of the feasibility study indicated a need to revise and simplify the plans, and in early 2018 we hired Ayres and Associates to work with us on revisions. We are delighted with the concept designs received from them and with the much more achievable cost estimates. We are confident that the dream of a new equestrian campground at Governor Dodge WILL become a reality.

In 2018 we will continue to finalize campground design plans and organize for a major fundraising initiative. We have some smaller projects on tap as well, such as building a rest stop with picnic tables and hitching rails at the south end of the Outer Loop trail. You will also find new and improved trail signage and even some new firepits at the campground. We ARE making a difference!

The Friends of Governor Dodge-Equestrians would like to thank WHC District 4 for their financial support over the last few years. Also, thanks to the friends and businesses that have been generous sponsors and donors for our events. We are grateful to all who have attended our events and we look forward to seeing you again in June. Most of all, thanks to the Governor Dodge staff who have been hugely helpful and supportive as we work together to improve equestrian facilities at the park.



On Sunday, June 3, 2018 we will be hosting the "Deal Me In" Poker Ride. Riders will collect poker chips as they ride the beautiful trails along a new route this year! Poker chips will be exchanged for playing cards and the top three poker hands win cash prizes. A picnic lunch and silent auction/raffle follow. No horse? No problem. Hikers can participate, too! Register by May 15th to get a FREE T shirt. Become a member of the Friends of Governor Dodge-Equestrians and earn an extra card. To join or register, visit our website [www.GovDodgeEquestrians.com](http://www.GovDodgeEquestrians.com) or email us at [govdodgehorses@gmail.com](mailto:govdodgehorses@gmail.com).

Please join us for a fun day in a beautiful setting.