

## Concept Design for Trails End Campground at Governor Dodge State Park

The concept plan for the all-new Trails End equestrian campground at Governor Dodge State Park was presented at the Friends annual poker ride on June 3, 2018. The preferred design, chosen from several options presented to the Friends of Governor Dodge-Equestrians by Ayres Associates of Madison, features 21 sites spaced across approximately 12 acres on the peaceful and lightly used north side of the park.



Situated just east of the old barn and current day ride parking area, the new location features gently rolling terrain allowing scenic views of the park's surrounding hills. It will offer campers a beautiful and peaceful place to return after a day of riding Governor Dodge's 25 miles of great trails. In addition to the 21-site campground, the concept plan incorporates space for future amenities such as a central gathering space with picnic pavilion, handicapped mounting area, and a horse shower, all which can be added as funding allows.

In marked contrast, the current "temporary" campground has only 9 reservable sites with rigs parked side by side on a cracked asphalt parking lot. It is located near the center of the park in a busy area adjoining the amphitheater and picnic shelter, next to the road connecting the park's two large "people" campgrounds, leaving no room for expansion of the temporary site. The new campground will be located where the park's 1984 Master Plan placed it. It will provide a greatly improved camping experience in a more private and enjoyable environment for both riders and their equines.

**The preferred concept plan can be viewed on the Friends of Governor Dodge-Equestrians website: [www.GovDodgeEquestrians.com](http://www.GovDodgeEquestrians.com). Fundraising is off to a great start, but the Friends need the help and support of riders from throughout Wisconsin to meet their fundraising goal and break ground in 2020. Please visit the website to make a secure on-line donation or view a list of suggested ways to help.**

**With your help, we can "build the dream" at Governor Dodge State Park.**



## Building the Dream – With Your Help Fundraising Ideas

Help the Friends of Governor Dodge-Equestrians raise funds for the all-new Trails End Equestrian campground at Governor Dodge State Park. Here are some ways to help:

- 1 Make a personal donation and tell your friends of your support. Convenient online Donor Box at [www.GovDodgeEquestrians.com](http://www.GovDodgeEquestrians.com) Or... make your to check to Friends of Governor Dodge-Campground fund and send to: Sue Press, W5151 Young Road, Eagle, WI 53119.
- 2 Ask your horse group to donate a part of their annual dues. Pass the hat at your next meeting.
- 3 Hold a fund raiser and donate the proceeds.
- 4 Sign up for the Amazon Smiles program. Go to [Smiles.amazon.com](http://Smiles.amazon.com) to register. Select Friends of Governor Dodge. 0.5% of your Smile-eligible purchases will automatically be sent to our group.
- 5 Buy a raffle ticket from the FOGD-Equestrians (*Winners to be announced at 2019 Midwest Horse Fair!*). Even better, sell a book of raffle tickets and ask each member of your group to do the same.
- 6 Do you know what \$100 in dimes looks like? A 16 oz plastic soda bottle filled with dimes adds up to an amazing \$100! Join our DIMES FOR DODGE campaign to collect 500 filled bottles by June 1st, 2019. Check our website, [www.GovDodgeEquestrians.com](http://www.GovDodgeEquestrians.com), to download and print labels. Everyone who submits their DIMES FOR DODGE proceeds by June 1st, 2019 will be automatically entered in a prize drawing.
- 7 Host a gathering for your barn buddies, riding club or youth group and invite a member of the FOGD-Equestrians to attend. We will bring campground plans, photos, DIMES FOR DODGE bottles to distribute, and we'll tell you all about this great project.
- 8 When you visit Governor Dodge State Park, be sure to buy your firewood at the park. Profits from firewood sales go to the Friends of Governor Dodge.
- 9 For your next birthday, host a "no-gifts" party. In lieu of gifts, invite your guests to make a donation "in your honor" to the **Trails End campground fund**. Downloadable donation forms are on our website at [www.GovDodgeEquestrians.com](http://www.GovDodgeEquestrians.com).
- 10 **Spread the word!** Carry FOGD-Equestrians brochures and Trails End Campground donation forms in your trailer to share with interested riders at other riding venues. Downloadable donation forms are on our website at [www.GovDodgeEquestrians.com](http://www.GovDodgeEquestrians.com).

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