



DEER CREEK STATE PARK

Located in Fayette and Pickaway Counties, south of Mount Sterling, Ohio, off State Route 207. Turn left off State Route 207 on to Cook-Yankeetown Road, then turn right into the Main Park entrance.

Official Address: 20635 State Park Road 20, Mount Sterling, Ohio, 43143.

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Website: [PARKS.OHIODNR.gov/Deer Creek](http://PARKS.OHIODNR.gov/Deer_Creek)

Deer Creek Horse Campground (for overnight camping) is on the right-hand side of Park Road 20 and has five primitive campsites and is currently under renovation by the Madison County OHC. There is a permanent primitive restroom. Please note: there is no water in the horse campground. Tie lines are available on most sites. Sites #1, 2 and 3 can be reserved online, while sites #4 and 5 are “walk-in” and must be reserved at the park office upon arrival.

Deer Creek Horse Day Use area/Parking is on the left-hand side of the road, immediately across from the horse campgrounds. It is a large gravel parking area with a primitive restroom, sheltered picnic tables and water for horses. A tie line and hitch rail are also available.

Deer Creek has in excess of 20 miles of trails, the first and most popular being the **BLUE** trail, which is immediately accessible outside of the Day use area. The BLUE trail is a five-mile loop that goes South toward the lodge, circles around to cross the Day use area road, goes north towards the Class A campground road and then circles back towards the Day use area, again crossing the Day use area road. The BLUE trail is relatively flat and wide as the park keeps it mowed wide in most areas. It is an excellent trail for gaited horses and for drivers. During the raining season, there are occasional muddy spots.

The **ORANGE** trail is the longest trail at the park. By itself the ORANGE trail is six miles long but combined with the access from the Day use area on the Blue trail, you have a total of approximately 10 miles. To reach the ORANGE trail, you need to proceed north on the BLUE trail and cross the Class A Campground road where you will meet the beginning of the ORANGE trail. The ORANGE trail follows the park boundary east and south to the farthest reaches of that section of the park then circles back past Harding cabin and a boat ramp parking area. At the boat ramp area, you have access to two picnic tables and restrooms.

There is a **YELLOW** trail, one and one-half miles at its farthest point, that consists to a straight out and back through the golf course.

The newest trails at Deer Creek are located at the very back of the horse campground. There is a trailhead sign for a **RED** trail and **LIGHT GREEN** trail. The LIGHT GREEN trail proceeds north, then east where it reconnects with the BLUE trail. The RED trail

proceeds south where it comes out close to the lodge then crosses the road and then reconnects with the BLUE trail. These two trails were recently developed by the Madison County OHC and follow old bike trails. They are relatively narrow, have many small ditch crossings and wind along very nicely between the main Park road and the lakeshore. It is NOT recommended that you go down to the lake, as the banks are very sandy and very deep.

The RED trail is approximately three miles long and the LIGHT GREEN trail is approximately two miles long. Both trails intersect with the BLUE trail which you can take right back to the horse campground or Day use area.