

Harmon Den HORSE CAMP

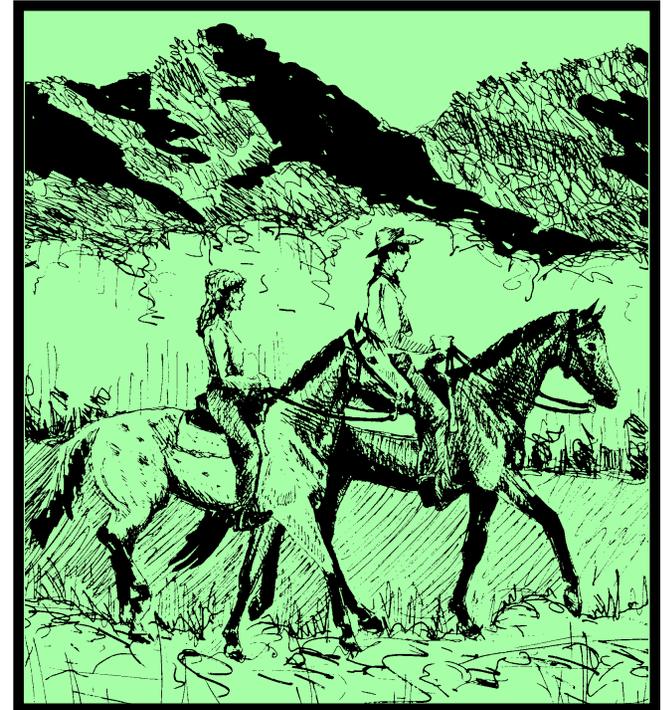
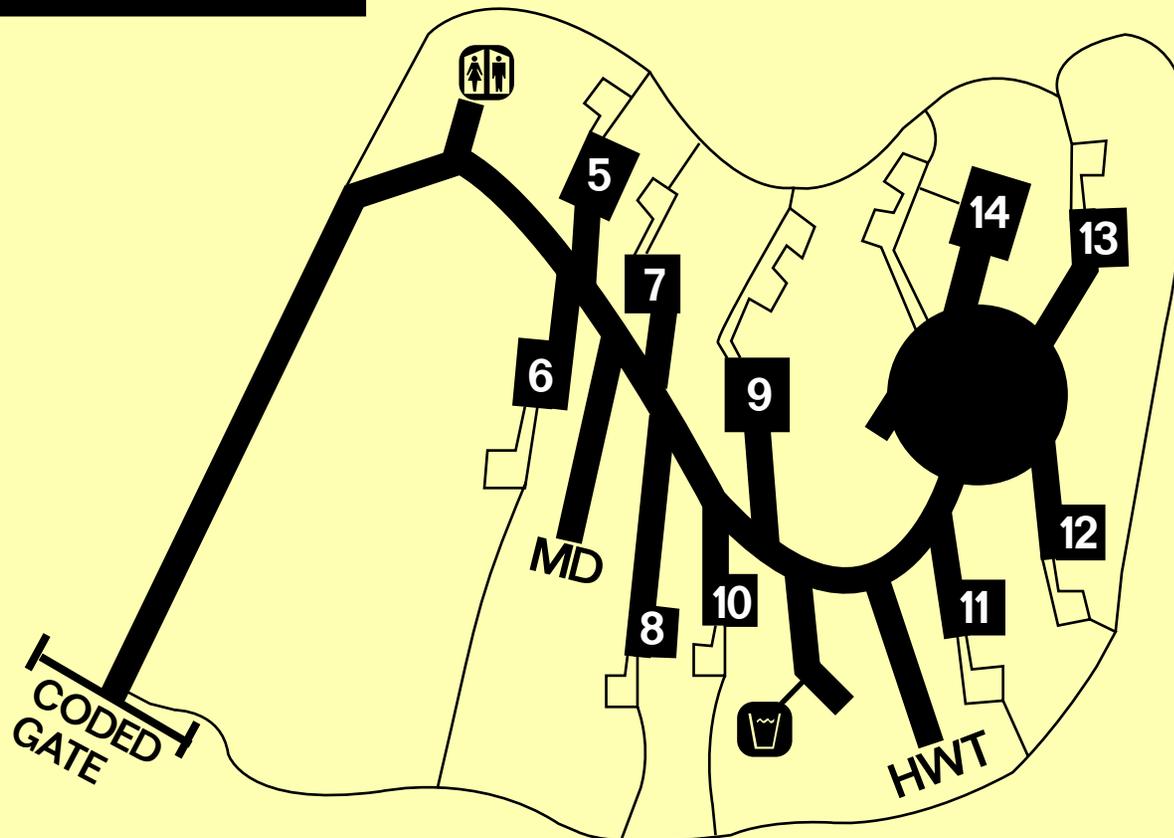
 Hand pump

 Vault restroom

MD Manure dump

HWT Horse water trough

Harmon Den Horse Camp Site Map



In a setting that is remote and easily accessed by the interstate, this 10-site horse camp offers a variety of recreation opportunities: horseback riding, hiking, picnicking, hunting, and fishing. While the site is designed for horseback riders, campsites are open to everyone. The camp is nestled in a cove below Hurricane Mountain and bordered by Fall Branch.

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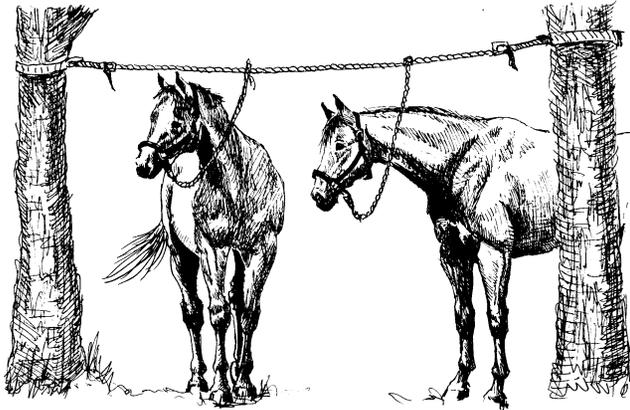
What's offered?

The Harmon Den Horse Camp offers 10 sites with horse stalls at each site. Sites in the campground are available by reservation only. Reservations can be made at the Appalachian Ranger District office in Hot Springs or call (828) 622-3202 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Each site offers a picnic table, tent pads, grills, lantern posts, and horse stalls with mangers for four horses. Vault toilets, garbage receptacles, and water are available.

DATES OPEN: March-October

CAMPGROUND FEE: \$15 per site, per night. A maximum of four horses and eight people are allowed per site.



Nearby Trails

Trail Name	Mileage	Use
Buckeye Ridge	5.4	Hiker/Horse
Cherry Creek	1.6	Hiker/Horse
Cherry Ridge	1.1	Hiker/Horse
Cold Springs	3.6	Hiker/Horse
Groundhog Creek	2.3	Hiker
Roberts Gap	2.5	Hiker/Horse
Rube Rock	4.5	Hiker



Harmon Den legend

According to local legend, the area was named after an early settler named Harmon, who lived in the mountains under a rock overhang. The area is now called Harmon Den.

In 1936, the USDA Forest Service purchased a large tract from the Haywood Land and Timber Company, which included Harmon Den. The Cold Springs Civilian Conservation Camp operated in this area during the late 1930's.

Archeological evidence of prehistoric and historic occupation can still be found in the area. Because these sites and artifacts help us understand our past, they are protected by Federal law. Please leave artifacts for others to discover.

Directions

From Hot Springs:

Take NC 209 for about 7 miles to SR 1175 (Meadow Fork Road). Go 6 miles and turn right onto SR 1181. Follow SR 1181 for about 3 miles to the stop sign. Turn left and go .8 mile and take first right onto Forest Service Road (FR) 148. Take first left off FR 148 onto FR 3526. FR 3526 leads to horse camp.

From Interstate 40:

Take the Harmon Den Exit (Exit 7) and go northeast (away from the Pigeon River) onto Cold Springs Road (FR 148). This is a gravel road with Cold Springs Creek on your right. Travel about 4 miles, then turn right onto FR 3526. This road leads to the horse camp. Entrance is located on the left.

Site's distance from major cities:

Knoxville: 67 miles; Johnson City: 105 miles; Asheville: 57 miles.

Horse Sense

- Horses are allowed on designated horse trails only.
- Travel in small groups of six horses or less. Stay on the trail. Don't make pioneer routes or take shortcuts.
- Don't tie horses to trees, even temporarily. This prevents girdling that kills trees.
- Use hobbles, temporary corrals, or a rope stretched between two trees for securing horses outside the campground.
- Watch for approaching vehicles or bikes on Forest Service roads.
- Be courteous and share the trails and roads with other forest users.
- Practice other no-trace techniques for travel and camping.
- To protect water quality, avoid watering horses in streams and tie at least 100 feet from streams.
- Campers are responsible for cleaning up the campsite and horse stalls before leaving the campground.
- Make sure your site is bear proof. When food is not in use, store in a vehicle.