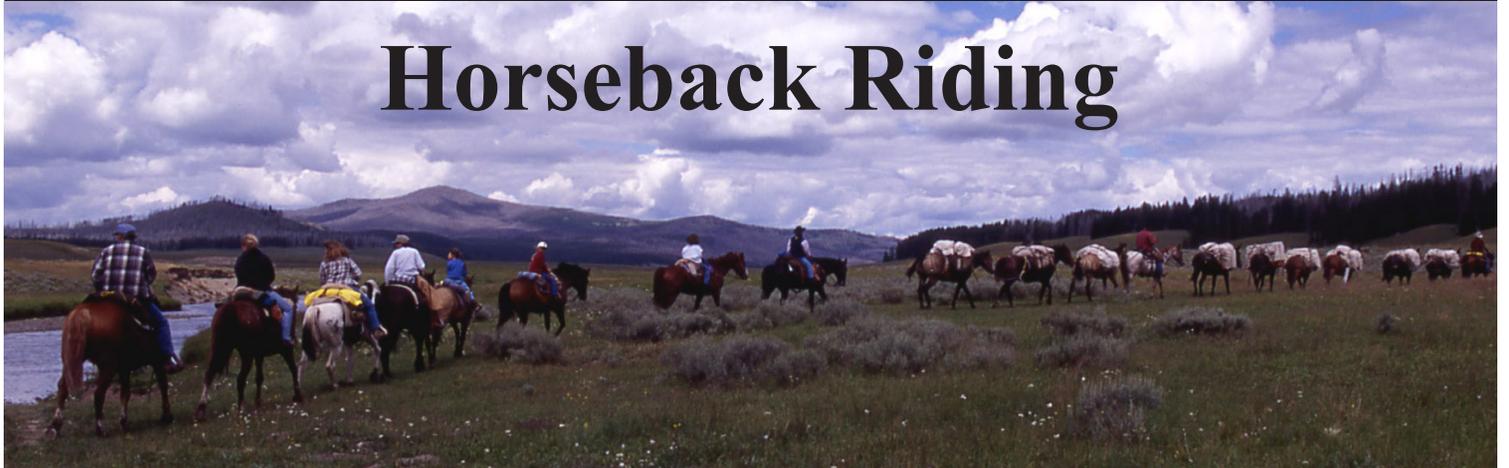




Horseback Riding



Traveling along Redwood trails with horses and pack animals is an exciting way to see the parks. By their very nature, these large animals have the potential to leave great impacts on the land around them. This brochure is meant to assist you in planning a safe, enjoyable, and low-impact trip.

Designated Horse Trails



Little Bald Hills Trail, with access from Howland Hill Road, has a corral for overnight horse use. This steep trail traverses through old-growth redwoods, but the land changes as the soils change. Serpentine soils support Douglas-fir and coffee berry. Further along, clay soils sustain a knobcone pine forest. The open prairies are a fine place to view raptors and smell the flowers. The camp lies 3½ miles in and offers picnic tables, fire pits, bear proof lockers, a toilet, and non-potable water.

Mill Creek Horse Trail, with access from Bertsch Avenue off of Howland Hill Road, is for day use only. The trail allows a 9- or 11-mile loop depending on the time of year. In the winter, there are two closures to protect active salmon spawning beds. The north ford is closed October 15 to March 31 and the south ford is closed October 15 to May 31. Please pick up a handout at a visitor center or go to <http://www.nps.gov/redw/planyourvisit/outdooractivities.htm> to print out the complete brochure. See map on back.

Orick Horse Trail consists of four loop trails and two designated stock sites. These loops present views of the ocean and Orick valley as the trail climbs up a ridge and then wanders through the redwood forest. The camp offers picnic tables, bear proof lockers, and a toilet. Bring water. Please pick up a handout at a visitor center or go to <http://www.nps.gov/redw/planyourvisit/outdooractivities.htm> to print out the complete brochure. See map on back.



Please walk your mount when approaching any group of hikers or riders.

Backcountry Horse Regulations

- Overnight stays at Orick Horse Trail require a backcountry permit available free from Kuchel Visitor Center.
- Feed for stock must be in the form of pellets or certified weed-free feed.
- Camp only in designated sites.
- Animals may not graze park vegetation.
- Animals must be hobbled or tied to a hitching post when unattended.

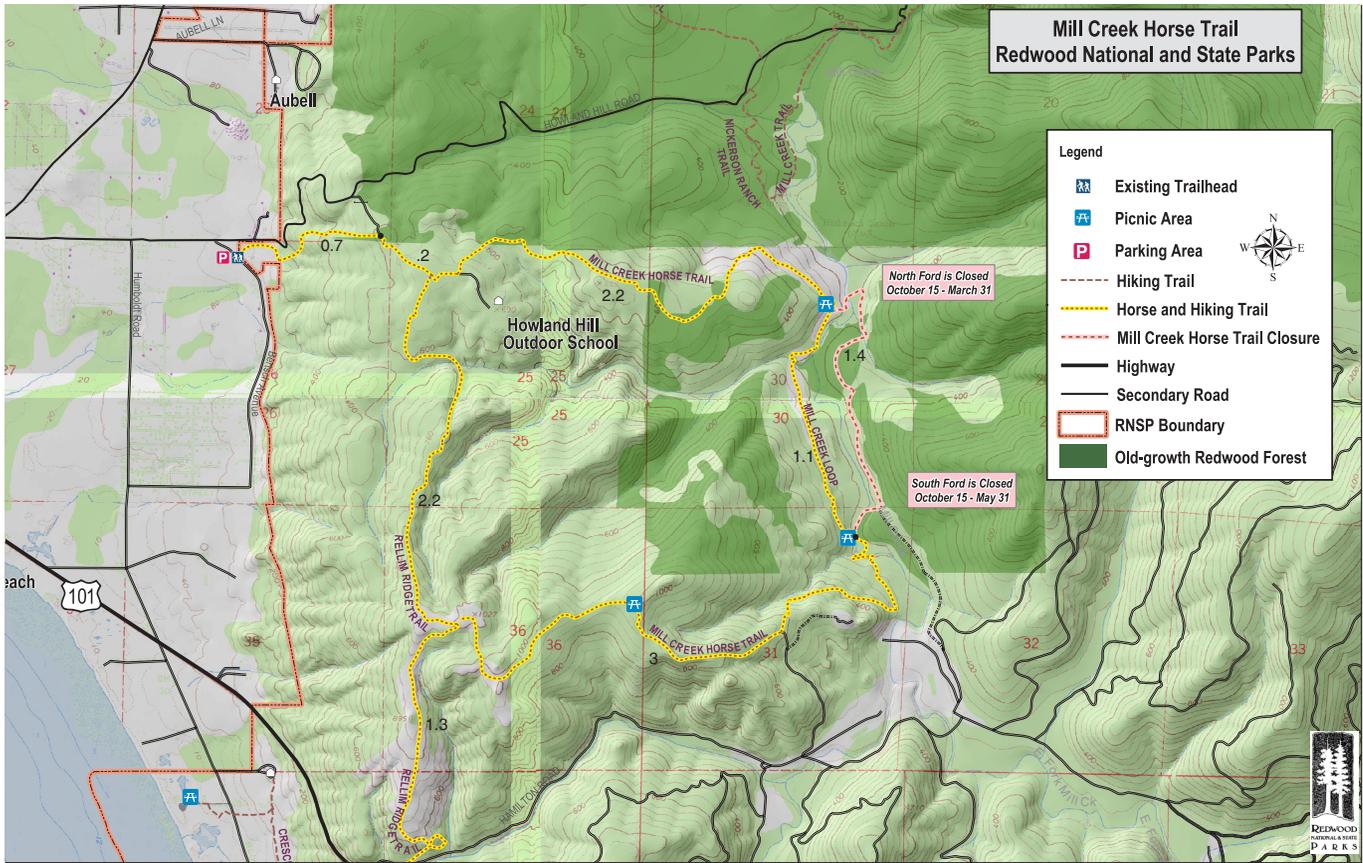
Park Regulations

Pets, firearms, motorized vehicles, and hunting are prohibited on park trails. Mushroom collecting is illegal. Fires are permitted in designated fire pits only. Proper food storage while in bear country is required by law. You may obtain food storage canisters at Kuchel Visitor Center. Stay limit is five consecutive days, 15 days per calendar year. Eight people per site.

Safety

These parks are natural environments; the wild animals, plants, streams, and other natural features, as well as certain weather conditions that occur here, can be hazardous.

Mill Creek Horse Trail



Orick Horse Trail

Trailhead: Check at a visitor center.

Distances: Four loops: Ridge loop—7 miles, McArthur Creek loop—14 miles (this loop has two picnic areas both with a hitching post, pit toilet, and picnic table), Elam Creek loop—20 miles, Forty-Four Creek loop—32 miles.

Camping: Designated camping at 44 Camp** and Elam Creek. **44 Camp is open to BACKPACKERS ONLY at this time; no water is available.

