



# Trail Users

## TRACE STATE PARK

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Trace State Park offers approximately 35 miles of multi-use trail for ORV's, Horses, Mountain Bikes and Nature Trail (hiking) enthusiasts. Trails mingle through "hills and hollers" and along ridges and swamps. Trail users have the opportunity to observe abundant wildlife and natural features as they hike the vast hardwood forest and swamps.

The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks or it's employees, shall owe no duty of care to keep the premises safe for entry or

use by others for recreational activities, or to give warning of any hazardous condition, use structure or activity on the premises to persons entering for those purposes. Given permission to pursue recreational activities on the premises shall not thereby:

- A. Extend any assurance that premises are safe for those purposes.
  - B. Make the person to whom permission is granted an invitee or licensee to whom a duty or care is owed.
  - C. Assume responsibility for or incur liability for any injury to person or property caused by any act of persons to whom the permission is granted.
- All trails are identified by number.
  - Trail numbers are determined from starting point to furthest point as a general rule.
  - Higher numbers generally reflect greater distances from starting point.
  - Trails indicated in blue ink are considered to be more difficult or advanced trails.
  - Trails in heavier black ink are considered to be more frequently used, or the main trails.
1. All trail users must sign in at Park Office daily, and have a Waiver Release on file before entering trails.
  2. Any person under 21 years of age must be accompanied by an parent / legal guardian whom is age 21+. Accompanied is defined as: A parent or guardian, within visual and voice contact and under the effective control of said minor.
  3. Persons less than 21 years of age but not less than 6 years of age, are required to

4. have on file at park office a Waiver Consent, signed by parent or guardian in presence of a Park Staff Member. Or the form must be signed by parent or legal guardian and notarized if the minor is coming to ride within the park without their parent or legal guardian in accompaniment. (Minors must be accompanied by an adult.)
4. Person/Adult (age 21 or above) accompanying minor must also sign acknowledgment of responsibility (good for up to the calendar year).
5. Persons under age 6 are prohibited from operating ORV within park boundaries.
6. Any owner of an ORV, any person who gives or furnishes an ORV, may not knowingly permit or authorize any person under age 21 to operate an ORV in violation of state, local, or state park rules and regulations.
7. **Riding of passengers is prohibited** except where your ORV is so rated for passengers by the manufacturer, or as set forth by the USDOT. It is your responsibility to produce the proof of this and have on person at all times.
8. All ORV users are required to have on person at all times proof of age and/or photo identification.
9. All ORV users are required to have on person at all times user valid pass (Yearly or Daily). Please take note of #6 above.
10. Safety Gear - ORV operators and riders must wear **HELMETS** (USDOT approved) at all times. Please note # 6 above.)
11. Anyone involved in an accident/incident while operating an ORV on State Park Property is subject to drug and/or alcohol testing. Accidents/Incidents must be reported to the park office in writing within 24 hours. Forms are obtainable at park entrance gate. IF you are incapacitated, the written report may be filed by another party familiar with

- the accident/incident. However that does not relieve you of your legal responsibility to file this report.
12. Reckless operation/riding, including but not limited to wheelies, donuts, jumps or other stunts, double riding (where not recommended by the manufacturer) or operating an ORV at greater than reasonable and prudent speed for the existing conditions, is prohibited.
13. All ORV's and horses must be on designated trails. Use of public roads, park roads and shoulders of road is prohibited.
14. Trails are open from 8:00 AM to sunset only, 365 days yearly.
15. All ORV's must have a functioning spark arrester, and muffler(s) in working order. ORV's must not omit a noise while in operation of 90 decibels or greater.
16. No washing of ORV's, horses or mountain bikes is permitted on park grounds.
17. No fluid draining or changing, or any vehicles visibly leaking fluids are allowed.
18. ORV's are not to be operated in a manner which damages or unreasonably disturbs the land, wildlife or vegetation. ORV's, mountain bikes and horses may not be operated/ridden in a tree nursery or planting in a manner which damages or destroys growing stock, or creates risk of damage or destruction.
19. ORV's, mountain bikes and horses may not be operated/ridden in streams or lakes.
20. ORV's must be operated while seated on the permanent, regular seat except where provided by manufacturer.
21. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** or mind altering substances will be tolerated.
22. Trails are varied in degree of difficulty. Most trails are for more accomplished ORV riders. **PLEASE REGULATE YOUR SPEED ACCORDING TO YOUR ABILITY AND TRAIL HAZARDS THAT MAY BE PRESENT AND UNSEEN.** Be safe and keep others safe.

23. All trail users should be courteous and considerate to other trail users. **One little blip of the throttle can leave a shower of gravel, cloud of dirt, dust AND an ENEMY behind you.**
24. Garbage should be brought back to your starting point for proper disposal.
25. First-time trail users are encouraged to bring along a cell phone in case of emergencies or being lost. The park office may be contacted for assistance or call 911.
26. Horse riders are required to have a current Negative Coggins Test, within one year of date.
27. Stabling of horses is available. Contact park office for fees and availability.
28. Bridges appearing throughout the trail system are intended for ORV's, horses & riders should bypass such bridges as they are usually narrow and boards spaced apart. Such use could result in injury to horse and/or rider.
29. Hunting is prohibited on the park and we ask for your help in deterring this illegal activity. Please make staff aware of anyone hunting. It will help us to know their location, time of incident, direction of travel, description of clothing, height, age and identity, if known.
30. Violation of rules/regulations may result in fines and/or removal from park.
31. Rules and regulations are taken in part. Other rules regulations and laws may apply as set forth by: State of Mississippi, Pontotoc County, and MS Dept. of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, and may change without notice.

