

Whetstone Horse Camp



Sumter National Forest



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Offering 28 miles of nearby horse trails, Whetstone Horse Camp is a great getaway for horseback riders who like to ride and camp. It serves as a base camp for riders on both the Rocky Gap (South Carolina) and the Willis Knob (Georgia) horse trails.

The camp has 18 sites with parking spurs for horse trailers. Nine sites are available by reservation only, and nine are available on a first come, first served basis.

Whetstone Rules –

To keep the campground clean, safe, and enjoyable please observe the following rules:

- At single campsites, you may park up to one camper, one horse trailer, and two motor vehicles in your parking spur. At double campsites (sites 6 and 7), you may park up to two campers, two horse trailers, and two motor vehicles in your parking spur.
- Camping for longer than 14 days is prohibited.
- Do not tie horses to trees.
- Horses must be tied to the highline, hitching rail, or stalls provided at each site.
- Dispose of all manure in manure bins.
- Pets must be leashed in the campground.

For more information:

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112 Andrew Pickens Circle
Mountain Rest, SC 29664
Phone: (864) 638-9568
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Hours: Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–12 p.m.
and 12:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.
Visit us online at fs.usda.gov/scnfs.

Directions: From Walhalla, go north six miles on Highway 28. Turn left onto Whetstone Road. Go straight for about five miles. At the four way stop go straight for about 1.5 miles. Pavement ends and a gravel road begins. A sign for Whetstone Horse Camp is about 0.75 miles down the gravel road.

Fees: \$12 per for single sites, \$24 per night for double sites (6 and 7). There is no charge for the horse trail and the day use parking area.

Season: Year round. Busiest times are summer/fall.

Site Amenities:

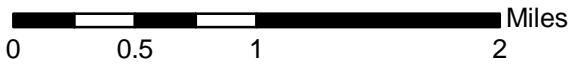
- Centrally located drinking water
- Cooking grills, tables and lantern posts
- Wheelchair accessible toilets

Reservations: Sites 1-5 and 15-18 are first come, first served. Sites 6-14 are available only by reservation. Reservations may be made up to six months in advance by calling (877) 444-6777 or online at www.recreation.gov.

Restrictions: Organized or advertised rides require a special-use permit and route approval by the district ranger.

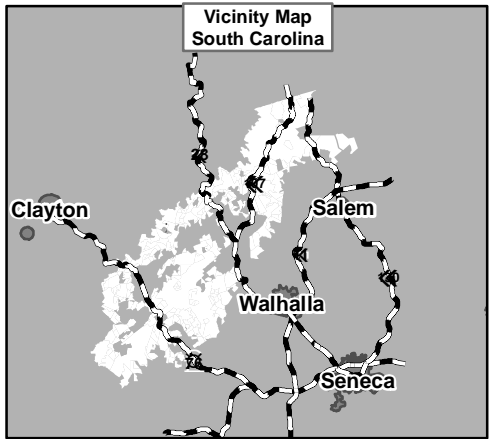
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Features

- WhetstoneHorseCamp
- Roads
- Streams
- Waterbody
- Town\City
- Private Ownership





Horse Sense

Safety

- File a trip plan with family or friends so someone will know where you are and whom to contact should you fail to return as planned.
- Take a first aid kit, compass and map. Know the location of the nearest hospital.
- Watch for hazards along the trail. Do not try to jump trees and other obstacles.
- Stay on trails to avoid stump holes in the woods.
- Take a break from time to time to rest.
- Wear blaze orange during the big game hunting season (October through December).
- Have at least two adults in your party.
- Watch for vehicles when crossing roads.
- Locked vehicles are not completely safe. Leave valuable and unnecessary equipment at home.

Leave No Trace Principles

- Plan ahead and prepare.
- Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
- Dispose of waste properly.
- Leave what you find.
- Minimize campfire impacts.
- Respect wildlife.
- Be considerate of other visitors.

