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### Top Campgrounds

According to HorseTrailDirectory.com, on which trail riders review facilities, 115 campgrounds received at least one five-star rating from visitors in 2008. The directory currently has nearly 800 trail and campground locations posted with approximately 900 reviews.

Leading the group was the Circle E Guest Ranch of Winchester, Tenn., which received a five-star rating from 44 of the 54 visitors who rated it. The Heart of Dixie Trail Ride of Troy, Ala., received the second highest approval with 31 five-star ratings, followed by KC Ranch Horse Camp of Double Springs, Ala., with 28 five-star ratings. Other highly rated destinations were Brushy Creek Resort in Black, Mo., and True West Campground & Stables in Jamestown, Tenn.

For more information, visit [www.horsetraildirectory.com](http://www.horsetraildirectory.com).



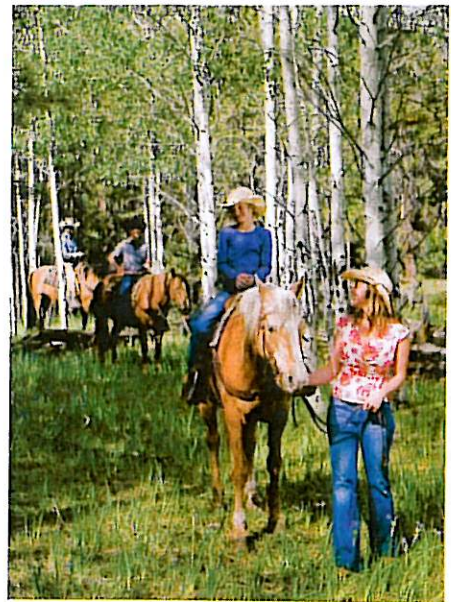
The Heart of Dixie Trail Ride, located in Troy, Ala., received high marks from trail riders on HorseTrailDirectory.com.



### Arizona Ranch

Hidden Meadow Ranch's 150 acres of private land in Arizona's Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest provides more than 2,000 miles of riding trails. Ride one of the ranch's 30 horses, or bring your own; the ranch offers feeding, stabling, and exercising services. You can stay at one of 12 guest log cabins; each accommodates up to five people. For more information, call (866) 333-4080, or visit [www.hidden-meadow.com](http://www.hidden-meadow.com).

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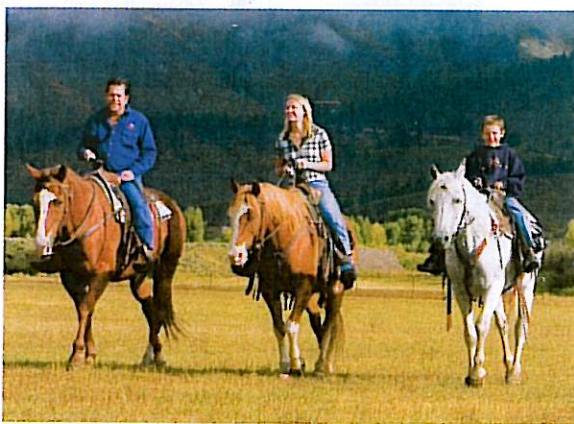


### Colorado Guest Ranch

Ready to leave your horse at home and let others do the work? Head to Colorado's C Lazy U Guest Ranch, in Granby, Colo., located on the southern edge of Rocky Mountain National Park. You'll

be paired with one of the ranch's more than 175 horses to ride on 11,000 acres of trails. A 12,000-square-foot, heated indoor riding arena provides year-round riding activities. For more information, call (970) 887-3344, or visit [www.clazyu.com](http://www.clazyu.com).

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### Michigan Trails

Allegan County of southern Michigan has expanded its equestrian trail-riding program. Currently, the 320-acre Silver Creek Park and Campground offers six miles of

trails and adjoins 10,000 acres of state park land. A new lease with the state of Michigan will allow the county to assume ownership and management responsibilities for a 50-mile equestrian trail system. It'll also provide new horse camping opportunities. For more information, call (269) 686-9088, or visit [www.allegancounty.org/government/pd/parks/silvercreek.asp](http://www.allegancounty.org/government/pd/parks/silvercreek.asp).

Silver Creek links the Allegan County Equestrian Park and Campground to 10,000 acres of Michigan State Park land.

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