Bay Area Equestrian Parking Guide

Disclaimer: This guide may not provide all information that may be pertinent. Please go to park website for maps and any important If you would like to contribute or correct anything to this list, please email teri@seanconnery.com

KEY

DEP= Dedicated Equestrian Parking

OEP= Other Equestrian Parking, parks that have parking for trailers but not dedicated for their exclusive use.

NEP= No dedicated Equestrian Parking, but alternative parking is available, see comments section below for each park

SMC= San Mateo County SCZC=Santa Cruz County SCC= Santa Clara County ALC= Alameda
County CCC= Contra Costa County MC= Marin County SC= Sonoma County MYC=
Monterey County SFC= San Francisco County STC= Stanislaus County NC= Napa County

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eninsula					
					DEP is at the main park entrance. It is not noted on the map. There are 3 spots head to tail along
					the exit lane, there is another 2-3 spots in a dirt area along the right as you enter the parking
	SMC/Woodside	Wunderlich County Park	4-5 Rigs	parks.smcgov.org	area. High use in this parking lot for both cars and equestrians.
					NEP. If you ride during the week, you can park in the Zwierlein Parking area. Park parallel by
	SMC/Woodside	Huddart County Park, Main Ar	e 2 Rigs	parks.smcgov.org	blocking 3-4 parking spaces. Exit out the "wrong way" side to clear the trailer.
		Huddart County			
		Park/Sculpture Farm/Crystal			NEP. At the interstection of Runnymede Rd. and Canada Rd. there are two large pullouts on
		Springs Trail/Edgewood			Runnymede Rd. Park here and consult each parks access for trailhead location. Sculpture farm
	SMC	County Park	10 Rigs	parks.smcgov.org	requires a key. Crystal Springs Trail from Runnymede North to Raymundo.
					DEP is at the top of the park in the parking lot off Skyline Blvd. (Hwy 35). Head to tail parking.
	SMC	El Corta de Madera OSP	3-4 Rigs	openspace.org	Easy access. Heavily used by bikes, stay off Spring Board Trail.
					DEP is at Skyline Ridge. Ride through Skyline to get to Russian Ridge, about 1 mile. Heavy bike
	SMC	Russian Ridge OSP	see Skyline Ridge	openspace.org.	use. Easy access
					DEP. Largest equestrian parking for MROSD. This parking area has access to 4 MROSD parks and
	SMC	Skyline Ridge OSP	20 rigs	openspace.org.	one county park. Easy access right off skyline Blvd. (Hwy 35).
			2-3 rigs, Skyline		
			3-4 rigs Spring		NEP but there is room for trailers at the Skyline Blvd. parking lot. There is also a large pull out
			Down Eq.		directly across from the main lot to park a couple of trailers. Easy access. At Spring Down Eq. Ctr
			Center/PV Town		3-4 rigs can park in the driveway and in front of Portola Valley Town Hall on Portola Valley Rd.
	SMC	Windy Hill OSP	Hall	openspace.org	Ride along Road to Windy Hill
					DEP is at Skyline Ridge. Monte Bello is directly across from Skyline Ridge. There is a small lot at
	SMC	Monte Bello OSP	see Skyline Ridge	openspace.org	the main entrance to Monte Bello off Page Mill, but it can fill up with cars. Heavy Bike use.
			4 dedicated spots		
			with permit, but if		DEP by permit only. Easy to get a permit but requires about 3 days advance notice. Easy access
		La Honda Creek OSP (aka	you rent the		off La Honda Road. No other parking here. Located at the old La Honda Event Center. Cattle on
	SMC	Driscoll Ranch)	facility, 25 +rigs	openspace.org	trails. The event center can be rented for group equestrian camping.
					NEP but DEP is at Skyline Ridge. Ride about 1.5 miles to get to Long Ridge. However, there is
					parking at the main entrance to Long Ridge along Skyline. If you go during the week, you can get
	SMC	Long Ridge OSP	see Skyline Ridge	openspace.org	parking here as well for 2-3 trailers in the large turnouts on either side of Skyline.
					DEP is through the main entrance in an asphalt parking lot. As you enter the parking lot, trailer
	SMC	Sam McDonald Park	4-5 Rigs	parks.smcgov.org	parking is to your left. No bikes. Access to Pescadero Creek Park from here as well
					NEP, but large dirt parking lot between Alpine Inn and soccer field on Alpine Rd. is easily
					accessible. Can be crowded on weekends. Also, 3-4 rigs can park at Spring Down Eq. center in
	SMC/Portola Valley	Portola Valley Trail system	8 Rigs		driveway and PV Town Hall pkg lot on Portola Valley Rd.

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					NEP but you can park at the Sam McDonald Park equestrian parking or you can park off Wurr
					Rd. at the Hoffman Flat trailhead. Small dirt pullout here or you can park on the street. It is a
	SMC/Pescadero	Pescadero Creek Park	4 Rigs	parks.smcgov.org	dead end street.
				_	NEP but park along Canada Rd at the Clarkia trailhead. Long pullout area. Can be busy on
	SMC/Woodside	Edgewood County Park	4 Rigs	parks.smcgov.org	weekends.
		Half Moon Bay Coastal Trail or			NEP but you can park at the end of Poplar Rd. Easy access, flat gravel lot surrounding car parking
	CNAC/Half NAsas Barr	Coastside Trail, Poplar Beach			lot on East side. Go through car lot and turn left onto gravel/dirt area, continuing left to face
	SMC/Half Moon Bay	trailhead Rancho Del Oso section of Big	6 rigs		exit. DEP. Go through the gate directly off Hwy 1 directly across from Waddell Beach. Do not go into
		Basin State Park, Waddell			the nature center entrance. Proceed approx. 1/4 mile, horse camp is to the right, if unoccupied,
	SMC	Creek	6-7 rigs	https://ranchodeloso.org/	you can park here if gate is open. Otherwise, proceed to parking lot directly in front of you.
Cauth Davi	SIVIC	CICCK	0-7 Tigs	Ittps://Talicilodeloso.org/	you can park here it gate is open. Otherwise, proceed to parking for directly in front or you.
South Bay	1				
	000/14/11/11				OEP is at the Spring Valley Entrance on Calaveras Rd., go left and follow the road to the end, go
	SCC/Milpitas	Ed Levin County Park	5-6 rigs	sccgov.org	past the corral on your left and you will see a field that you can pull into and pull out of easy.
			10+ Rigs, San		
			Martin Ent.		DEP at San Martin Ave. is large but fills up quickly on the weekends. Easy access off E. San
		Carrata Laba /Namara Basa	50+group		Martin Ave Lots of bikes. They also have a group equestrian site for reservation that is in a field
	CCC/Manager 11:11	Coyote Lake/Harvey Bear	5+ Mendoza		to the right of the San Martin Ave. entrance. Holds 50 plus rigs. DEP also off Roop Rd., Mendoza
	SCC/Morgan Hill	Ranch County Park	Ranch Ent.	sccgov.org	Ranch entrance. easy access.
					DEP through main entrance off Cristo Rey Dr. Proceed through entrance down small hill to first
	SCC/Los Altos/Cupertino	Danaha Can Antania OCD	4 D:		parking lot, veer to right just past restrooms, long narrow parking marked for trailers. Easy access. Head to tail parking.
	SCC/LOS Altos/Cupertino	Rancho San Antonio OSP	4 Rigs	openspace.org	NEP. Park at Los Altos Hills Town Arena on Purissima Rd., adjacent to the Little League fields in
			8 Rigs, 5 on	https://lahrecreationtrails.org/onl	Purissima Park. Weekend parking limits space to about 5 rigs. You can get a permit and cone off
	SCC/Los Altos Hills	Los Altos Hills Trail system	weekends	ine-map/	an area to assure parking.
	SCC/ LOS AITOS TIIIS	LOS AITOS TIIIIS TTAII SYSTEITI	Weekends	пте-тпару	No dedicated equestrian parking but multiple pullouts along Skyline Road at the top of the park.
	SCC/SCZC	Sanborn County Park		sccgov.org	Also possible to park in the parking area at the junction of Hwy 9 and 35, not on a weekend.
	300/3020	Sanson County Fark		SCCGOV.OIG	NEP Garrod Farms boarding stable is right next to this park. If you call them ahead of time to let
					them know you are coming, they usually let you park in their lower parking lot by the hay barn.
					Go in the main entrance to Garrod, turn right at the first opportunity into the car parking area
					and continue past and go to the right of the restrooms with the large hay barn on your left.
	SCC/Saratoga	Fremont Older OSP	2-3 rigs	openspace.org	Circle in the lower parking lot open area.
					DEP There are 3 places for equestrian parking. See map. Wood Road entrance is at the corner of
					Hicks Rd. and Mt. Umunhum Rd. Easy parking. Hacienda entrance has been expanded and they
			10+ Rigs Wood Rd.		have about 3 spots in the first parking area, but if you go through the open gate at the back,
			8 rigs Mockingbird		there is an open field for parking. Easy access. Mockingbird Hill has an asphalt trailer parking
	SCC/San Jose	Almaden Quicksilver County Pa	10+ Rigs Hacienda	sccgov.org	area in the middle of the car parking. Easy access.
					DEP Two parking areas. Main entrance parking is best, large flat area on right hand side after
			15+ Main		entrance. Easy access. Second one is located at the Rancho San Vicente entrance. Lots of bike
	SCC/San Jose	Calero County Park	3-4 rigs Vicente	sccgov.org	people park at this entrance.
					DEP Go to main entrance off Casa Loma Road, drive through car parking area to dirt lot. Lots of
	SCC/San Jose	Rancho Canada del Oro OSPA	2-4 rigs	openspaceauthority.org	bikes.
					NEP Parking is at Almaden Quicksilver Park , Wood Rd. Entrance at the junction of Hicks road
					and Mt. Umhumnum Rd. It is easier to drive Almaden Rd. to Hicks Road to parking rather than
	SCC	Sierra Azul OSP	10 Rigs	openspace.org	take Hicks off Camden.
					NEP Parking in equestrian campground or car parking areas. Equestrian campground with 8
	SCC	Joseph D. Grant County Park	5-6 rigs	sccgov.org	sites. Difficult drive here. Do not use Quimby Rd. Use Alum Rock Rd. to Mt. Hamilton Rd.

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					OEP It shows on map that there is equestrian parking area but it has now been open to cars as
					well. Go through the main entrance off Bernal Rd., follow the signs to Pueblo Day Use and go all
					the way to the end to the large asphalt parking area next to an old arena. You can park
	SCC/San Jose	Santa Teresa County Park	25+ rigs	sccgov.org	anywhere here. Easy in and out.
					NEP There are large lots within the park however that could easily accommodate trailers. Check
	SCC	Stevens Creek County Park	?	sccgov.org	with rangers to see about parking.
					NEP This park sits in between Monte Bello, Long Ridge and Saratoga Gap. The main parking is
		Upper Stevens Creek County			directly across from the main entrance to Long Ridge. So you can park there, or equestrian
	SCC	Park	2-3 rigs	sccgov.org	parking in Skyline. Heavy bike use.
					DEP Two areas to park. Easier one is the Sprig Day Use Area. Large pull out directly off 152, easy
					access and exit. Access to the Ridge Trail from here. Second equestrian parking is through the
	SCC/Gilroy	Mt. Madonna County Park	5-7 rigs	sccgov.org	main entrance on Pole Line Road. Easy access. Large park. No Bikes
				https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/g	
				ov/depts/csd/parks/preserves/ara	NEP but large dirt parking lot between Alpine Inn and soccer field on Alpine Rd. is easily
	SCC/Palo Alto	Arastradero Preserve	5-8 rigs	stradero/	accessible. Can be crowded on weekends.
				https://coepark.net/	OEP Best equestrian parking is the Hunting Hollow Entrance. Easy access and exit. Massive park.
				https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_	Many wilderness horse camps here. Also equestrian parking at the main entrance but much
	SCC/STC	Henry Coe State Park	25+rigs	id=561	more limited parking and hard to get to.
					OEP Park has two equestrian staging areas marked on the map. One at the main entrance off
			2-3 at staging		hwy 9, after entrance make the first right into "Picnic area 2", and second one at the bottom of
			areas		the Fall Creek Unit. Best parking is if you are a member or know a friend who is a member of
			3-5 rigs, pull out		Santa Cruz County Horsemens Assoc. who runs Graham Hill Showgrounds as this is right next to
		Henry Cowell Redwoods State	50+ at	http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_i	the park. Easy access from this place. Can park 3-5 rigs in gravel road pull out off Graham Hill Rd.
	SCZC	Park	showgrounds	d=546	across from small shopping ctr that is adjacent to SCCHA.
					OEP parking is through the main entrance. Just past ranger station immediate right. Pull through
					spaces right next to each other. Does not show on map. Has a horse camp as well off Dimeo
	SCZC	Wilder Ranch State Park	3-4 rigs	parks.ca.gov	Lane, primitive facilities. Lots of bikes.
				-	OEP Rancho Del Oso entrance off Hwy 1 at Waddell Creek. Directly across from the parking lot
					at Waddell Beach there is a gate. Open gate and go through, drive about 1/8 mile, pass ranger
					residence on left, park in horse campground on right or paved area directly in front of you.
	SCZC	Big Basin Redwoods State Park	3-4 Rigs	parks.ca.gov	There is also a large dirt lot at the intersection of Hwy 236 and Hwy 9.
		- Company of the Comp			OEP is a pull out on Hwy 9 as indicated by the "horse staging area" on map. This is about 1 mile
					west of Skyline (Hwy 35) & Hwy 9 intersection. There is also NEP at Waterman Gap at the
		Castle Rock State Park	2-3 rigs	parks.ca.gov	junction of Hwy 9 and Hwy 236, large dirt lot
East Bay					
	ALC/Fremont	Coyote Hills Regional Park		ebparks.org	Has equestrian trails, but does anyone know where to park?
	ALC/FIEIIIOIIL	Coyote Hills Regional Park		ebparks.org	OEP parking is through the main entrance off Geary Rd. Large flat gravel area. Cars can park here
					as well. Take 680 towards Sunol, exit at Calaveras rd. Do not drive up Calaveras Rd. from San
	ALC/Sunol	Sunal Regional Wilderness	20 *i=0	obparks org	· ·
	ALC/JUIIOI	Sunol Regional Wilderness	20 rigs 5+ Bear Creek	ebparks.org	Jose. Huge park OEP Two areas to park, Bear Creek staging area and Alhambra Creek staging area, both are large
	CCC/Lafayette/Martinez	Priones Pagional Bark	10 Alhambra		flat gravel lots, but cars park here as well
	CCC/Larayette/Iviaitiile2	Briones Regional Park	TO MILIALITUI d		OEP Livorna Staging area, easy access, cars park here as well, not recommended on weekends.
		Diable Feetbills Perional	2 Livorna		Macedo Ranch Staging area, which is technically in Mount Diablo State Park, easy access, large
		Diablo Foothills Regional	2 Livorna		fairly flat gravel lot, not recommended on weekends, cars park here as well. Castle Rock Rd.
	ccc	Park/Castle Rock Regional	10+Macedo		Staging area, just before Orchard staging area, huge flat gravel parking areas. Not well used on
	CCC	Recreation Area	30+Castle Rock	ebparks.org	the weekends.
			10+ rigs, Macedo		OEP Macedo Ranch staging area off Green Valley Rd., not recommended on weekends as cars
	ccc		10-15 rigs Mitchell		park here as well. Mitchell Canyon staging area off Mitchell Canyon Rd, accesible from Clayton,
ļ	CCC	Mount Diablo State Park	Canyon	parks.ca.gov	large flat gravel parking area. Park has a horse camp.

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	(5)				OEP parking is at Foothill Staging Area. Large flat gravel area, several areas to park, cars park
	ALC/Pleasanton	Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park		ebparks.org	here as well
_	CCC/Brentwood	Round Valley Regional Preserve	10+rigs	ebparks.org	OEP parking off Marsh Creek Rd., large flat gravel area, easy in and out, cars park here as well
th Bay					
		Point Reyes National		https://www.nps.gov/pore/index.	NEP Park at Pierce Point Ranch/McClures Beach, follow the road to the Pierce Ranch parking
	MC	Seashore/Northern section	see comments	htm	area at the end of the road, 5- 6 rigs. Estero Trailhead after Mt. Vision Road 4-5 trailers
					DEP Bear Valley headquarters and trailhead. Dirt parking lot, easy access, 12+ rigs. Five Brooks
					trailhead (not horse camp), easy access 8+rigs. NEP, Hwy 1 at Randall trailhead, parking along
					road, very limited 1-2 rigs, not great. Four places off Limantour Rd: Bayview trailhead 3-5 rigs,
		Point Reyes National		https://www.nps.gov/pore/index.	Muddy Hollow trailhead 5-7 rigs plus across Muddy Hollow Rd. past youth hostel is a meadow
	MC	Seashore/Southern section	see comments	htm	for 4-5 rigs, Limantour Beach, trailer parking at east end of lot.
					No dedicated EP. Park at Five Brooks trailhead, access down Olema Valley trail and up Randall
		Golden Gate National			trail or park at Randall trailhead, see notes for Point Reyes Southern. Also can park at Samuel F
	MC	Rec.Area/North section	see comments		Taylor, see that park for further info.
					NEP. Park in a large lot just past Presidio Riding club, 901 Bunker Rd. Sausalito on right hand
					side. Also parking on Tennessee Valley Road, many pullouts, largest and best approx. 1000ft.
		Golden Gate National			past 446 Tennessee Valley Rd, Mill Valley on the right hand side. Several other pullouts
	MC	Rec.Area/South section	4-5 Rigs		available. No parking at Miwok Stables.
		·			OEP parking is available in the first parking area to the left as you enter the park. There is a large
	MC/N. Novato	Olompali State Historic Park	6-7 rigs	parks.ca.gov	gravel area next to the paved area to park. Easy access.
	•	·	- 0-		NEP parking is on San Andreas Rd., small rigs only, off to side of road at end of San Andreas Rd.
					Better parking is at Olompali State Historic Park, see comments above. These two parks are
	MC/Novato	Mount Burdell Preserve	see comments	marincountyparks.org	attached.
	•				DEP After passing the entry kiosk, continue straight and follow the road to the left over the wic
					paved bridge. At the T, turn right, pass 2 bathrooms, the camp host and continue straight
					ignoring a sign that says authorized access only. 1-2 minutes further you'll see the "Horse Traile
					Parking" sign. Turn right down that driveway and stay towards the left side of the driveway as
					the right edge drops off a little. Park on the far right or the far left leaving the middle clear. Par
	MC/Lagunitas	Samuel P. Taylor State Park	see comments	parks.ca.gov	also has a horse camp
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					"Four Corners" on Panoramic Hwy, there is a large pullout on the right if going south from this
					intersection. 2-3 rigs. You can park at Frank Valley Horse Camp with advance notice. You can
	MC/Mill Valley	Mount Tamalpais State Park	see comments	parks.ca.gov	also park in GGNRA areas as noted above and ride into Mt. Tam. It is a huge park.
	,		300 001111101110	parisassas par	NEP About 1/2 mile east of Sir Francis Drake and San Geronimo Valley Rd., there are a couple of
					large pullouts before and after the bridge on Sir Francis Drake, largest is just after the bridge on
	MC/Woodacre	White Hill Preserve	2-3 rigs	marincountyparks.org	the right if going SouthEast.
	MC/Woodacre		2-3 rigs	marincountyparks.org	same as White Hill Preserve.
	SFC	Golden Gate Park/Ocean Beach		indifficult yparks.org	NEP. Park adjacent to polo fields, check with mounted SF Police for info
		The same and second second	, perimosion		DEP Go through main entrance, check in and pay fee, easy access, wide open parking in area
					around arena. You can use arena and round pen. Heavy bike use on weekends. Horse camp as
	NC/Napa	Skyline Wilderness Park	10+rgis	skylinepark.org	well.
	NC/Napa	Bothe-Napa Valley State Park		napaoutdoors.org	NEP Go through main entrance, pass visitor center on right, park in lot at trailhead on the right
		and tage is and account in	0~		DEP Go through main entrance on London Ranch Rd., take first right, go right again and turn
					around at end of road and park along right side, paved lot, head to tail at end of London Ranch
	SC/Glen Ellen	Jack London State Historic Park	6-8 rigs	parks.ca.gov	Road, upper lot.
	30/ OICH EIICH	Jack London State Historic Park	o o rigo	Parks.ca.gov	OEP parking at the end of Channel Drive, go through main park entrance, continue to the end of
					Channel Dr. Large flat dirt area. Cars park here as well. Need more info if someone has been
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				https://www.pebblebeach.com/e	
	MYC/Pebble Beach	Del Monte Forest	?	questrian-center/	OEP Parking at Pebble Beach Equestrian Center. Call first for availability.
					OEP Take Potrero Rd. off Hwy 1, Potrero Rd. ends at parking lot Large gravel lot. Cars park here
	MYC/Moss Landing	Salinas River State Beach	5-6 rigs	parks.ca.gov	as well. Easy access. Beach riding only
				https://www.blm.gov/programs/n	
				ational-conservation-	OEP parking at Creekside Terrace Trailhead, Hwy 68 and Reservation Rd., large flat lot, cars park
				lands/california/fort-ord-national-	here as well, easy access, and parking at Badger Hills Trailhead off hwy 68 on Toto Creek Rd.
	MYC/Salinas	Fort Ord National Monument	5-6 rigs	monument	Easy access, large lot but mixed parking. There is other parking, need to update.
					DEP enter main entrance, take first left, after passing building on your right, paved equestrain
					parking lot is to the right. It has lined parking spaces with a turn around at the end of the lot.
	MYC/Salinas	Toro Park	8-10 rigs	https://www.co.monterey.ca.us	Easy access.
					NEP large dirt parking lots along Carmel Valley Road. Go through main entrance, immediately
					turn left and find a spot along these lots, long and narrow lots with easy exit out the other side
	MYC/Carmel Valley	Garland Ranch Regional Park	4-5 Rigs	mprpd.org	back to Carmel Valley Road.
				Please note: to see maps at	
				parks.ca.gov, scroll down to find	
				park, then click on the tab	
				marked "brochure", this has the	
				map on it.	

Websites

trailmeister.com wildernesspress.com peasepress.com Vast amount of information, trails and camping. Entire U.S.

Features guide books and maps on most of bay area trails and throughout the US. Has a map of the Bay Area Ridge Trail. Excellent source for more detailed information.

Great maps. Helped Sandy Greenblat with maps on his Marin County Equestrian trail guide.

redwoodhikes.com These maps are the best I have seen for the local area. Printed on waterproof, tough paper, very clear markings.