

## **NATIONAL PARK SERVICE BRIDLE TRAIL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

There are designated bridle trails for horseback riding throughout the park. For the safety of both animal and rider, protection of other visitors and park resources, riders must remain on designated horse trails at all times. For visitors who bring their own horses to the park, **limited** trailer parking is available at McMillan Woods Youth Group Campground on West Confederate Avenue. There is a designated section of the parking area in the campground for vehicles and trailers. On weekends during spring, summer and fall, the parking area for horse trailers can fill up quickly. Since parking is limited it is best to arrive early. Once the lot is full, there are no other places for trailers to park on the battlefield.

**(Note:** Thanks to the generosity of Artillery Ridge Campground (one of our corporate sponsors), free day use trailer parking is available at Artillery Ridge Campground for all GEHS members. To park at Artillery Ridge, stop at the Campground Office, show your GEHS membership card, and they'll direct you to the free day-use trailer parking area. Proof of negative Coggins is required.)

### **Other conditions concerning the use of horses or pack animals:**

Operators of horse (draft animal) drawn vehicles will conform to the Pennsylvania motor vehicle code, Title 75 sections 3103 (Traffic Regulation applicable), Section 4303(e) (Lighting Requirements) and section 4529 (Slow Moving Vehicle emblem required). All such vehicles shall utilize manure catchers as part of the tack.

Horse trail riding prohibited after sunset.

Horses may only be secured by tying them to a hitching rack, a horse trailer or by cross tying them between two trees so they cannot damage the trees by foraging on the bark or branches.

Horses must be attended at all times to prevent third party injuries. Groups of riders must maintain a single file line. Jumping of stone walls, fences or other structures, racing or riding at excessive speeds is prohibited.

Pedestrians will also use this trail. Pedestrians have the right of way. Please keep horses at a slow walk while passing pedestrians. Do not obstruct the trail or make unreasonable noise while passing other horses.

Horses and pack animals shall not be watered at the water spigot in the McMillan Woods Campground. Water may be carried in pails to the animals.

The horse trailer parking area and roadways in McMillan Woods Campground must be kept free of manure. All horse or pack animal excrement in this area must be collected and carried out by the animal's owner or rider. Horses are not permitted on any area of the actual campground or any campsite.

Engaging in commercial trail riding activities in Gettysburg National Military Park without a permit is prohibited.

A permit is required for groups with 15 or more horses.