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### **WISCONSIN STATE HORSE COUNCIL ANNOUNCES TRAIL GRANT RECIPIENTS**

Columbus, WI – The Wisconsin State Horse Council has awarded \$20,000 in grants to help improve 13 equestrian trail systems in the state. The Council's Trails Committee received more than \$36,000 worth of requests in this year's grant cycle.

Groups and projects receiving grants are from all corners of Wisconsin:

- Outback Riders, Machickanee County Forest (Oconto County) – An information kiosk will be built in the parking area and new signage installed on trails.
- Northern Saddle Club, Hall's Creek Flowage (Florence County Forest) – The grant will help volunteers improve the trailhead with picnic tables, fire rings, and hitching posts.
- Northwoods Equestrian Trail Riders, Holy Cross Horse Trail (Phillips) – This project includes enlarging the parking area and installing hitching rails, signs, and a mounting block.
- Rock County Multi Use Trail Group (Rock County) – Grant funds will help cover the costs of installing map boxes and new trail signs at three Rock County parks that allow equestrian use.
- Swift Riders, Bong State Recreation Area (Kenosha) – The project involves installing a new kiosk and repairing/rebuilding four trail areas that have poor drainage.
- Trempealeau County Horse Club, Pietrek Park (Arcadia) – The work includes completing the horse campground, installing signage, and extending the trail.
- Equestrian Friends of Gov. Knowles State Forest (St. Croix Falls) – Plans call for installing a horse tie system at the new horse campground on the Trade River trails.

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- Northern Kettle Moraine Horse Trails Association (New Prospect) – Volunteers will convert tie stalls to box stalls at the horse campground in the Northern Kettle Moraine State Forest.
- Plymouth Trail Riders (New Prospect) – The project includes installing pipe corrals in the group camping area of the Northern Kettle Moraine State Forest.
- Willow River Riders, Eau Galle Recreation Area (Spring Valley) – Volunteers will finish the work on the new horse campground by installing horse ties and hitching rails.
- Flambeau Riders, Copper Park horse trails (Ladysmith) – The project includes installing a kiosk, signage and hitching rails, and building a bridge over a wetland area.
- Chippewa Valley Trailriders (Chippewa County Forest) – Volunteers will complete the work at the horse campground in the Hay Meadow Flowage area by installing hitching posts and bringing in gravel for campsites.
- Pelishek Nature Trail Foundation (Clinton) – Funds will be used to install hitching rails and picnic tables.

“Many of us in the Wisconsin State Horse Council are trail riders, and we appreciate the work that volunteers do all over the state to create and maintain areas for riding,” said Dan Catherman, chair of the Council’s Trails Committee. “We also know the work couldn’t be done without the cooperation of the land managers. I think it’s fair to say that land managers will always welcome more volunteers to help with the work.”

The WSHC grant program offers financial help for groups building new public trails or improving existing trails. Applications for 2008 funds are available through the Council’s office in Columbus or at [www.WisconsinStateHorseCouncil.org](http://www.WisconsinStateHorseCouncil.org).

The WSHC encourages shared-use trails, responsible recreational use of public lands, and partnerships with public land managers, the equestrian community, and other user groups in trail development and improvements.

The WSHC can provide information and assistance to horse clubs and individuals interested in becoming more involved with creating or maintaining equestrian trails. The office address is 132 S. Ludington Street, Suite A, Columbus, WI 53925; telephone 920-623-0393; e-mail [info@WisconsinStateHorseCouncil.org](mailto:info@WisconsinStateHorseCouncil.org).

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