

YEAR END FUN AND RELAXATION!

WHO DOESN'T NEED A FUN, RELAXING VACATION AFTER A LONG SHOW SEASON? CVHS WOULD LIKE TO INVITE OUR EXHIBITORS AND THEIR FRIENDS/FAMILY ON A TRAIL RIDING TRIP TO THE **FABULOUS** OTTER CREEK HORSE TRAILS IN NEW YORK DURING THE DATES OF SEPTEMBER 14-23. COME FOR A COUPLE DAYS, OR STAY THE WHOLE WEEK! EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US!!

Enjoy 65 miles of interconnecting trails on the western edge of the Adirondack Mountains in Glenfield, NY. Trails are comprised of woods, fields, and dirt/sand roads with some access to rivers, streams, ponds and lakes that make for some great fishing and swimming. Go out for the whole day or do a couple short trails...there is something for every level of rider. Front shoes or easy-boots are recommended for protection, as some trails are rocky.

Visit www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/8088.html or www.friendsofottercreekhorsetrails.com for more info and trail maps.

The main assembly area of the trailhead is comprised of three parking areas with 100 covered straight stalls in pole barns. There is also a large parking area reserved for day-use riders who aren't staying overnight. Bedding is not needed as the ground is all sand. Primitive camping is available - water in spickets by the barns and permanent bathrooms nearby - but otherwise no electricity/water hookup or shower facilities. (Many guests bring a small portable generator to power their campers/trailers/tents.) Picnic tables, fire pits, a manure bunker with wheel barrow, and a dump station are also available in the assembly area. Cell/wireless service is spotty. There are no fees to camp and there are no reservations...its first come first served for space. Otter Creek is an extremely popular equine destination so it can get crowded, especially on the weekends. Guests are required to have proper equine health paperwork - rabies, coggins and health cert - with them at all times (even on the trail) and cannot leave their horses unattended. Dogs are allowed but must be tied or contained while in the assembly area and have a current rabies tag. People do also bring well-behaved dogs out on the trail with them. September provides perfect riding weather averaging in the 70's and there are **NO BUGS!!**

For those seeking more comfortable accommodations for you and your horse and don't want to "rough it" during your stay, or if you don't have a trailer with living quarters and/or a generator, there are a few stables nearby that offer overnight stabling, camping with hookups, or cabin rentals with full amenities. I would highly recommend contacting them asap as they fill up fast. See their websites for further info on services, availability, and rates.

www.ottercreekstables.com www.manestaystables.com www.horsecampsatottercreek.com

There is also a nice motel called Ridge View Motel (www.ridge-view.com) and a Tractor Supply and Wal-Mart Supercenter 10-15 minutes away in Lowville for food/supplies.

If you have any questions about the trails or local facilities, please contact me.

From where I live in Cornwall, VT it is a 4-hour drive to Otter Creek.

This year my tentative plans are to stable at Otter Creek Stables for the entire stay. Otter Creek Stables offers several options for stabling and also has outside paddocks next to camper spaces. I have tentatively reserved two stalls with an attached small turnout run. Overnight accommodations have yet to be finalized. If you would like to join me and need a stall, campsite/hookup, or motel room, please contact me asap. 😊

