

Tourism, Parks and Recreation

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Equestrian Staging Facilities

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Several provincial parks and recreation areas provide equestrian facilities and allow horses on-site. Equestrian staging areas usually provide loading/unloading ramps and hitching rails, and some also provide corrals, vault toilets, bear-proof garbage containers, picnic tables, water wells, fire rings and firewood.

Some recreation areas, though not formally designated for equestrian use, have horseback riding opportunities in the vicinity. Specialized equestrian facilities are not provided at these sites, because they are intended primarily for auto-access camping. Unlike equestrian staging areas, horses are not permitted on-site.

Facility Listings
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[Aylmer Provincial Recreation Area](#)

- 11 km south of Nordegg on Forestry Trunk Road (SH 734)
- 7-unit campground
- loading/unloading ramp; hitching rails
- no on-site water supply

[Bluerock Campground - Sheep River Provincial Park](#)

- 40 km west of Turner Valley on SH 546
- 17-unit campground
- tie stalls

[Cooking Lake/Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area](#)

- 24 km east of Sherwood Park, south on Hwy. 16 directly south of Elk Island National Park
- day use only
- hitching rails; more than 85 km developed trails

[Crescent Falls Provincial Recreation Area](#)

- 22 km west of Nordegg on Hwy. 11, then 6 km north on access road
- 31-unit campground; 14-unit parking lot; large equestrian staging area located just above the main campground, equipped with horse corrals, hitching rails and loading ramp

[Dawson Provincial Recreation Area](#)

- 30 km east of Canmore on Hwy. 1, 6 km south on Forestry Trunk Road (Hwy. 40), 11 km east on Hwy. 68, then 2 km south on Powderface Trail
- 17-unit campground
- hitching rails

[Etherington Creek Provincial Recreation Area](#)

- 45 km southwest of Longview on SH 541, then 7 km south on Forestry Trunk Road (Hwy. 40)
- 10-unit campground
- tie stalls

[Honeymoon Creek Provincial Recreation Area](#)

- 40 km north of Crowsnest Pass on Forestry Trunk Road (SH 734), then 13 km west on gravel access road
- 10-units group campground; for reservations call 403-562-2220
- horse corrals; shelter with stove

[Little Elbow Provincial Recreation Area](#)

- 50 km west of Bragg Creek along Hwy. 66
- 46-unit parking lot
- hitching rails; corrals; loading/unloading ramp

[Mesa Butte Provincial Recreation Area](#)

- 27 km south of Bragg Creek on SH 762, then 7 km west on SH 549
- 15-unit campground
- hitching rails; corrals; loading/unloading ramp

[Peppers Lake Provincial Recreation Area](#)

- 84 km southwest of Rocky Mountain House on SH 734 (80 km southeast of Nordegg)
- 16-unit campground; 7-unit parking lot
- loading/unloading ramp; hitching rails

[Rock Lake Provincial Park](#)

- 7 km west of Hinton on Hwy. 16, 40 km northwest on Forestry Trunk Road (Hwy. 40), then 35 km west on access road
- 93-unit campground; 50-unit parking lot
- primary staging area for Willmore Wilderness Park, which contains approximately 750 km of equestrian/hiking trails
- loading/unloading ramps; hitching rails; corrals; holding pens

[Sandy McNabb Campground - Sheep River Provincial Park](#)

- 25 km west of Turner Valley along SH 546
- 21-unit campground
- hitching rails; corrals; loading/unloading ramp

[Strawberry Provincial Recreation Area](#)

- 45 km southwest of Longview on SH 541, then 2 km north on Hwy. 40
- 18-unit campground
- hitching rails; corrals; loading/unloading ramp
- open during hunting season only (September 4 - November 30)

[Sulphur Gates Provincial Recreation Area](#)

- 5 km north & 7 km west of Grande Cache off Hwy. 40
- 11-unit campground
- staging area for Willmore Wilderness Park (approximately 750 km equestrian/hiking trails)
- loading/unloading ramp; hitching rails; horse holding area; water trough

[Whitehorse Creek Provincial Recreation Area](#)

- 38 km southwest of Robb (south of Cadomin)
- 26-unit campground
- popular starting point for hikers and horse users going to Miette Hot Springs, located in Jasper National Park
- loading/unloading ramp; hitching rails; 8 camping units equipped with corrals

In addition to the above equestrian staging areas, there are horseback riding opportunities in the vicinity of the following recreation areas (horses not permitted on-site):

[Beaver Mines Lake Provincial Recreation Area](#)

- 20 km west of Pincher Creek on SH 507, 10 km southwest on SH 774, then 5 km south on access road
- pump & tap water
- 97-unit campground; 20-unit parking lot

[Big Berland Provincial Recreation Area](#)

- 70 km northwest of Hinton on Hwy. 40
- 18-unit campground; 10-unit parking lot
- popular staging area for people entering Willmore Wilderness Park, located 8 km west

[Blackstone Provincial Recreation Area](#)

- 30 km north of Nordegg on Forestry Trunk Road (SH 734)
- 10-unit campground
- no on-site water supply

[Elk Creek Provincial Recreation Area](#)

- 65 km southwest of Rocky Mountain House on Forestry Trunk Road (SH 734)
- 13-unit campground

[Jackfish Lake Provincial Recreation Area](#)

- 50 km west of Rocky Mountain House on Hwy. 11, then 2 km north on good gravel road
- 5-unit campground
- no on-site water supply

[Oldman River North Provincial Recreation Area](#)

- 40 km north of Crowsnest on Forestry Trunk Road
- 10-unit campground

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[Prairie Creek Provincial Recreation Area](#)

- 41 km southwest of Rocky Mountain House on SH 752
- 50-unit campground; 20-unit parking lot

[Ram Falls Provincial Recreation Area](#)

- 64 km south of Nordegg on Forestry Trunk Road (SH 734); 96 km southwest of Rocky Mountain House
- 54-unit campground

[Seven Mile Provincial Recreation Area](#)

- 48 km sw of Caroline
- 36-unit campground; 15-unit parking lot

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