



Fort Custer Horse Friends Association

May- June 2018

Spring Campout

Our Spring Campout was a great success with over 20 rigs filling up the area in the Whitford Lake Special Events Area. The weather during the days was wonderful with some rain one of the nights. Except for one loose pony that was quickly escorted back to his proper place, everyone stayed in place. Breakfast was served Saturday and Sunday mornings and I must say we are getting good at this. Not freezing or raining or being windblown is also helpful.

Our club was able to clear a profit, which will be put to good use maintaining trails and hopefully constructing some campsites at the trail head pending DNR approval.







Trail Note

If you have been out on the trails at the park you may have noticed large gashes of machinery trails cutting through the forest. These ARE NOT new trails and should not be ridden. This is part of the Munitions Remedial Investigation transect marking. They are looking for military metal debris left over from when the park was a military training ground. The construction site trailers on the way to the staging area are part of this effort. They will be working Monday- Friday only, not on weekends or holidays. Trails affected are supposed to be marked but their system may not be perfect. You will certainly be able to hear machinery if they are out there and avoid the area if you think you need to.

Work Day



4-Hers from the Stable Mates club in Branch County helped with trail work last Saturday and moved debris to block off access to the Kalamazoo River for safety and ecological reasons. Thank you!!!

Club members also helped with that project as well as mowing and trail maintenance.

Remember volunteer hours earn discounts on camp registration. Next workday is July 18 at 9.



Remaining Calendar 2018

- **Jun. 6** Wed. 4:30 pm - FCHFA Board meeting and potluck dinner –] **CANCELLED**

- Jul. 15th Sat. 9:00 am - FCHFA **Trail Workday meet at Equestrian trailhead**
- Aug. 2nd Wed. 4:30 pm - FCHFA Board meeting – and potluck dinner – Meet at the Pavilion at the Equestrian Trailhead - Bring your horse and ride before and/or after meeting
- Aug 16th Wed. 9:00 am - FCHFA **Trail Workday meet at Equestrian trailhead**
- Sep. 13th Wed. 9:30 am - FCHFA Board meeting, **riding trail check/work day** & potluck lunch, meet at **Whitford Lake Special Event Area**
- **Sep. 14th thru 17th** - Thursday 9 am - Sunday noon - **FCHFA Fall Equestrian Campout**

Whitford Lake Special Event Area, more info to follow

- Sep. 24th Sun. 9:30 am - **Ride and Potluck - meet at trailhead**
- Sep. 30th Sat. 8:00 am - X-Terra race at park (not horse related)
- Oct. 4th Wed. 4:30 pm - FCHFA Board meeting – Galesburg Library
- Oct. 8th Sat. 9:30 am - **Ride and Potluck - meet at trailhead**
- **Oct. 13th -15th** Fri. to Sun. **Harvest Fest at Fort Custer - come out and volunteer**
- Oct. 21st Sat. 9:30 am - **Ride and potluck** – meet at trailhead
- Nov. 1st Wed. 4:30 pm - FCHFA Board meeting – Galesburg Library
- Nov. 4th Sat. 9:30 am - **Ride and potluck** – meet at trailhead
- Nov. 12th Sun. 9:30 am - **Last ride before gun season - Ride and potluck** – meet at trailhead
- **Nov. 15-30 - Firearms Deer Season - Avoid riding at the park**
- Dec. 2nd Sat. - Annual Christmas Event - more info to follow