



Jennings Creek Horse Trail

Greene County, TN

LOCATION: Old Forge Campground, Greeneville, TN

(Trail Head)

GPS REF: 36.092307, -82.715279

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[Google Maps:](#)

<https://www.google.com/maps/search/Old+Forge+Campground/@36.092307,-82.7152379,13z>

DIRECTIONS: From Greeneville, take TN 107 east (off US 11E) for six miles and then follow signs to Horse Creek Recreation Area (approximately two miles). From Horse Creek, turn right onto Old Forge Road and go about three miles. The road dead-ends at the campground.

PARKING: This trail may be accessed from several parking areas:

Option 1) The campground parking area can accommodate up to 7 or 8 trailers. Please note that this parking area also serves the campground and may have a lot of vehicles during camping season/weekends. There are some pull-offs along Old Forge Rd prior to getting to the campground that may be used as trailer parking. Also, in the winter months the gate on Old Forge Road is closed and locked about ¼ mile up the road, so you will not be able to drive to the campground.

Option 2) Park at a pull-off along Horse Creek Park Rd just after entering the park and before turning onto Old Forge Rd. You would then ride Old Forge Rd approx. 3 miles to access the trail.

Option 3) See parking for Doctors Ridge Trail for one option.

TRAIL LENGTH: 1.8 miles | 45 to 60 minutes; Trail ends at Cowbell Hollow Trail.

TRAIL DIFFICULTY: Challenging (Proficient Riders)

Quite a few rocks and very rocky creek crossings. Relatively flat. Initial trail access requires going down concrete "steps" into the creek. It is advised that a well-seasoned trail horse lead the way down the steps, as it is common for less experienced horses to balk at this spot and they seem less anxious when following another horse. The creek can be either very shallow and slow-moving at this point, or 12-18 inches deep and fast-moving, depending on rainfall.

DESCRIPTION: The trail begins at Old Forge Campground. From the campground parking area, on the left you will see a wooden arch over the trail that skirts the campground and a Forestry trail sign indicating trail number 21. Follow this a short distance to a set of concrete “steps” going down to the creek where you will cross and continue the trail, following signage and yellow blazes. In less than 0.2 mile you will come to an intersection after a creek crossing. At this point, take the left trail onto Jennings Creek Trail. This is a shaded single track that mainly runs parallel to the beautiful Jennings Creek. There are multiple small waterfalls along the way and beautiful plants abound. In spring, there are many varieties of wildflowers, including rhododendron, mountain laurel, trillium, wild irises, and lady slippers. In summer, the temperatures are generally cooler as the trail follows the creek.

SCENIC VIEW(S): N/A

SPECIAL NOTE(S): Multiple creek crossings allow for many watering opportunities.

TRAIL MAP: N/A

TRIP TICK(S): N/A

CONNECTIONS: Cowbell Hollow Trail