

Little Jennings Horse Trail

Greene County, TN

LOCATION: Old Forge Campground, Greeneville, TN

(Trail Head)

GPS REF: 36.092307, -82.715279

(Trail Head) 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

(Trail Head) 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: 2 miles | 1 to 1.5 hours; Trail ends at Round Knob Pavilion.

TRAIL DIFFICULTY: Challenging (Proficient Riders)

Quite a few rocks and very rocky creek crossings with some loose rocks. Depth of creek varies with rainfall and may reach 12-18 inches in some areas. Occasional slippery footing, particularly in wet weather. Trail becomes somewhat narrow in a few areas but without significant drop-offs.

DESCRIPTION:

This trail may be ridden as part of a loop encompassing Doctors Ridge, Little Jennings Creek, Cowbell Hollow and Jennings Creek Trails or as an in and out trail. The trail begins at Old Forge Campground. 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 to travel up Cowbell Hollow Trail or the right trail onto Little Jennings Creek Trail to access Round Knob Pavilion or to travel down Cowbell Hollow Trail. This is a single track that follows Little Jennings Creek most of the way, lending it to shady, pleasant riding in hotter weather. There are multiple very rocky creek crossings and a few narrower spots but without significant dropoffs. Beautiful forest vegetation abounds including rhododendron, mountain laurel and many wildflowers. This trail is part of a larger loop encompassing Little Jennings, Cowbell Hollow and Jennings Creek Trails and allows access to the Round Knob Pavilion for a good lunch spot. At the end of the trail bear right to access Round Knob Pavilion.

SCENIC VIEW(S): N/A

SPECIAL NOTE(S): There is an abundance of water available on this trail. If stopping at the Round

Knob Pavilion, a small spring is located to the left of the pavilion down a short

path.

TRAIL MAP: N/A
TRIP TICK(S): N/A

CONNECTIONS: The trail allows connection to Davis Creek, Cowbell Hollow and Jennings Creek

Trails. Davis Creek Trail access is located to the right of the Round Knob Pavilion.

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