Turkey Hill Equestrian/Group Campground

The new Turkey Hill Equestrian/Group Campground serves both equestrians and organized youth groups. The camp is available by reservation to equestrians first and youth groups when not reserved by equestrians.

The camp is nestled in 16 acres of mature oak trees adjacent to the Mokelumne Coast to Crest Trail (MCCT) Staging Area at Camanche South Shore. It has seven sites: two single family sites that accommodate a maximum of eight persons with two vehicles, two trailers and four horses; two double sites; two triple sites that accommodate double and triple the single site capacity; and one quad site that accommodates a maximum of 32 persons and 8 vehicles with trailers and 8 horses.

All sites have picnic tables, a fire ring/barbecue grill, a paddock for each horse, lantern stands, and close access to water. One of the single sites has accessible facilities including a transfer platform to assist in getting on and off horses.

The sites surround a group eating area with large barbecues, serving tables and picnic tables to seat 40 people, plus a group campfire ring with benches to act as an amphitheater and assembly area. These areas are wheelchair-accessible, and include a regulation horseshoe pit. Other features of the campground include a horse wash station, bins for horse waste, portable toilets and easy access to the Mokelumne Coast to Crest Trail (MCCT). Showers, coin-operated laundry, an RV dump station and a general store are available elsewhere in the park.

Equestrian and youth groups will not use the camp at the same time. Reservations can be made by calling the South Shore Park Office of the Camanche Recreation Company at (209) 763-5178, weekdays from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
Turkey Hills Camp Standards

Our hope is that everyone who visits this campground has a safe and enjoyable time with minimal impact to the natural resources. To achieve this we ask that you abide by the following use standards.

1. Please keep all vehicles on the rocked roads and parking areas.
2. Horses shall be controlled at all times. Please secure horses at designated posts or paddocks when not attended to. Tying horses to trees or other facilities is prohibited. Please note that horses are not allowed in the center assembly and eating area.
3. Horses are permitted in Turkey Hill Campground and on the trails. They are not permitted in the rest of the recreation area.
4. All persons using trails must have a trail permit in their possession or be a guest (as allowed by permit) of someone on the trail who has one. Daily and annual permits are available at the front gate.
5. When using the trails, please sign in on the trail register before each ride. There is a trail register at the camp information board and at all the staging areas.
6. Please keep the facility free from horse waste by cleaning up your horse’s waste every day. Wheelbarrows, shovels and 2 waste bins are provided to facilitate ease of cleanup.
7. The hose bibs are provided for all to use. Hoses may be run to sites for filling buckets and other containers. For everyone’s safety please do not leave hoses lying across roads or walkways.
8. The sites do not have RV hook-ups. Hoses may be used to fill holding tanks but may not remain connected to your RV. Discharge of wastewater or greywater anywhere other than an approved dumping station is prohibited. There is a dump station for your use in the main campground.
9. To avoid erosion please keep surface water runoff to a minimum by rinsing horses at the horse wash station, not at the site, in the paddock, or at hose bibs.
10. Please use plain water to rinse horses and avoid use of soaps whenever possible.
11. Please do not chop wood on the fire ring. Please use the stump provided for that purpose.
12. All park rules and regulations apply to Turkey Hill campground visitors. Please familiarize yourself with them.