

Willow Prairie Horse Camp Site Details

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Site #1 This site is level and it is deep enough for a living quarters trailer. You may back in (uphill) or come in the back way and drive straight into it. Parking pad area is **16' Wide X 75' Long** Small tent area

Site #2 This site is long. You better be good buddies with the campers in #3 because it is really close with no trees in between. It is nice and level and a living quarters or camper and trailer will fit. **19' W X 58' L** Good tent area

Site #3 A favorite camp site. It will easily take a 3-4 horse trailer, truck & camper or living quarters trailer. It is very level and close to the horse water trough. Very nice area for a group meeting because it has a large level area with an additional very long picnic table. This is where campout potlucks are normally held. **19' W X 40' L** Good tent area

Site #4 This is a large campsite. The parking pad it is raised about 4' in back. To get into this site begin backing in, then pull up to the outhouse and then back in straight. Must unload before backing in. **19' W X 58' L** Large tent area

Site #5 This is a favorite for living quarters owners. It is a straight back in. It can be shared with another rig side by side too. This site has one 12x12 corral and three 12x24 corrals. There is a water trough right at the back. This site gets a lot of afternoon sun; not many trees. **30' W X 48' L** Large tent area

Site #6 To get the parking somewhat level, this site had to be raised about 5' in back. You need to unload before backing in or come in front first. **16' W X 70' L** Good tent area

Site #7 – Like site 6 it has been raised about 4' in the back to level it. Unload horses before backing in. **14' W X 55' L** Good tent spot

Site #8 – Nice and flat and long enough for big rigs. Best access for usability is to drive straight in instead of backing in. **19' W X 65' L** Tent site is in full sun

Site #9 – Another favorite site. This is can be a double site. You can get a couple LQ or campers in here. It is level. The only drawback to this site is the perimeter trail goes about 12' from your table. But, there is a barrier so riders can't walk through your site. **16' W X 50' L and 20' W X 40' L** Good tent area. Water trough very close.

Site #10 – This is the secluded site in the camp. It can be backed into or, many prefer to pull in front first. May be room for two rigs as well. **20' W X 72' L** Good tent area in shade. Water trough very close.

Across the street is a large day-use parking area that also is used as an overflow for trailers. Some people prefer to unload their horses and move their trailer up there so someone else can fit in their site too. There is one overflow campsite with a picnic table and fire pit that can be used if the camp is full. You must pay the regular campsite fees. There are no corrals, outhouse or water in the day use area.

The entire camp is surrounded by a fence and two cattle guards. Outside the camp is open range so cattle are there from June 1 to October 1. Be sure and close all gates you go through to keep the cattle out of camp!!

Trails go in all directions from camp. They are well marked and the camp host should have paper maps. Or download the free app **MAPRIKA** to your smart phone before you leave home and get a GPS mapping of all the trails. Use the search feature on the app to locate **WILLOW PRAIRIE WEST** and **WILLOW PRAIRIE EAST SIDE**. Once you install these two maps all the trails will be visible and you can follow along using your phone's GPS.

Cell phone coverage is spotty. They tend to only work in certain spots and times of the day. Don't rely on having cell phone coverage.

There is one pit toilet that is kept stocked with toilet paper, clean and sanitized by the camp hosts.

All sites have 4 corrals. The corrals are 12'X12' (except #5) with solid wood rails and chains for gates. They are in different configurations at each site. Horse must be kept in corrals; no overnight tying to corrals, portable corrals or high lining. The Forest Service provides wheelbarrows and tools for cleaning your corrals. Push the full wheelbarrow up the ramp into the manure trailer then stack it up as high as possible. The Forest Service empties it about once a week so please help make room for everyone to dump. Rake up manure after loading unloading horses. Please leave campsite cleaner than you found it.

There is a hand pump for potable water. It is a little hard to prime, so keep pumping steadily. The water is cold, fresh and pure. It is tested each month. Pump is located between sites 3 and 4.

Road speed in camp area between cattle guards is 5 MPH. This is for safety of the riders and for dust. Please obey this speed limit. Please drive even slower through the campground loop.

All campsites may be entered from either direction on the campground loop, but it is a one lane road through camp. So, if you choose to come in backwards please have a spotter watching for oncoming vehicles.

Dogs **MUST** be on leash or tied in your campsite at all times.

Horses are **NOT** permitted on the campground loop road. Please use the perimeter trail around the camp to access your campsite and the water troughs.

All sites are reservable through **recreation.gov**. Campsite fees do not cover extra vehicles and must be paid **WITHIN ½ HOUR** of arrival.

Willow Prairie Guard Station Cabin may also be reserved on recreation.gov. It has four 12x12 corrals with horse water nearby. You must wheelbarrow your manure over to the horse camp manure trailer. There is no outhouse at the cabin, closest is in the horse camp. This is a very rustic cabin with no amenities.

Driving Directions:

Travel east from the town of Butte Falls on Road 821 for approximately 17 miles. Turn right on Forest Service Road 3738. If you are entering from Highway 140, turn north on County Road 821 from Highway 140, and drive approximately 1 mile to Forest Road 3738. Turn left onto Forest Service Road 3738 (cross cattle guard) and drive 1.3 miles to where 3738 intersects Forest Road 3735, turn left onto Road 3735, cross the cattle guard, and continue ¼ mile to Willow Prairie Campground.