

## What do I need to ride in the forest?

All riders require an annual forest membership or day pass. You will receive a parking permit with your day pass or membership which must be displayed on all vehicles parked in the forest.

## Where can I get detailed forest maps?

All locations that sell day passes and memberships also carry detailed coloured maps of all three forest areas – west, central and east. Maps are \$3.00 for Ganaraska Forest members and \$5.00 for non-members.

## Where can I get day passes or forest memberships?

### Ganaraska Forest Centre

10585 Cold Springs Camp Rd, Campbellcroft  
905.797.2721

### Ganaraska Forest Centre Self-Serve

Gatehouse at 10585 Cold Springs Camp Rd  
*Fill out required info on envelope, include payment and put in mail slot*

### Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority

2216 County Rd 28, Port Hope  
905.885.8173

### Noones Petro Canada

8262 Hwy 35/115, Orono  
905.983.9290

### Sandaraska Park

*(closed November through April)*  
156 Sandaraska Rd, Pontypool  
705.277.2000

### Ganaraska Leather Craft

3847 Wilcox Rd, Orono  
905.983.9540

\* Forest memberships are good for one full year from the date of purchase.



[www.grca.on.ca](http://www.grca.on.ca)



[www.ganaraskaforestcentre.ca](http://www.ganaraskaforestcentre.ca)



[www.conservation-ontario.on.ca](http://www.conservation-ontario.on.ca)

### Equestrian Use Fees

#### Annual Memberships

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| Youth (16 & under)..... | \$30 |
| Adult.....              | \$75 |

#### Day Pass

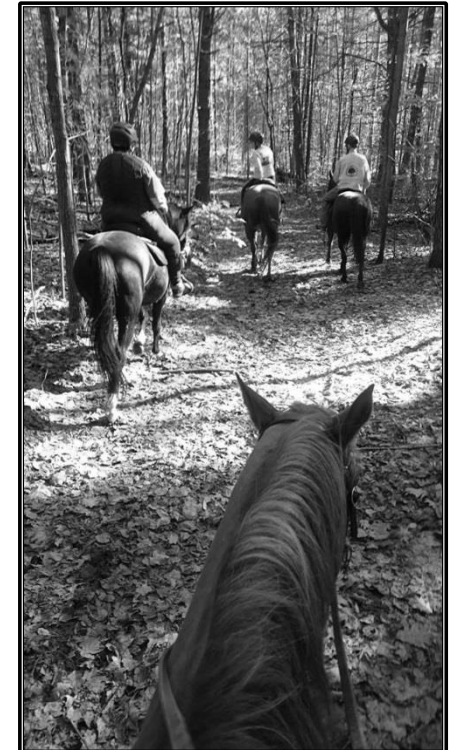
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| Youth (16 & under)..... | \$6  |
| Adult.....              | \$12 |

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# EQUESTRIAN USE IN THE GANARASKA FOREST

(Trails Open May 1<sup>st</sup> – February 28<sup>th</sup>)



## What trails in the forest are open to horseback riding?

All of the trails in the forest are open to horseback riding. The forest is multi-use with trails in the west and east forest open to all users, including ATV and off-road motorcycle riding. The trails in the central forest are only open to non-motorized use. Hunting is permitted in the west and east forest, as well as parts of the central. The no-hunting zone is shown on forest maps by a bold dashed line.

## What do I need to know about riding in the forest if I have limited experience trail riding?

The Ganaraska Forest is over 11,000 acres in size with hundreds of kilometers of trails. Having a good map of the trails and a compass or GPS is highly recommended. If your horse has not been exposed to bicycles, dirt bikes or ATVs, gain that experience in a safer environment first. Owners of "green" trail horses are also advised to ride with people whose horses have more trail exposure and avoid more challenging single-track trails.

## What time of year are trails open to horseback riding?

Trails open on May 1<sup>st</sup> and remain open to horseback riding until the end of February. Trails are closed to all users, with the exception of hikers, cross-country skiers and snowmobile riders for the months of March and April. If you ride on snowmobile trails in the winter, use one-way trails in the direction intended, and be aware of snowmobile and fat tire mountain bike traffic. During winter months, the groomed cross-country ski trails in the central forest are for the exclusive use of skiers.

## What are some of the rules of etiquette I should follow on the trails?

Remember the 4 C's:

- ~ Be **COURTEOUS** when you meet other forest users
- ~ **COMMUNICATE** what you need others to do for safe passage, and thank them for their **COOPERATION**
- ~ Use **COMMON SENSE**

Don't **hide** when you ride. Make yourself **VISIBLE** by wearing bright colours.

If you prune back higher encroaching branches, *do not* throw them on the trail or leave them dangling where they can hit mountain bike or off-road vehicle riders.

Clean up the area around your horse trailer before you leave.

## What rules of etiquette can I expect when encountering other forest users?

Horseback riders have the right of way over all other forest users



*\*\* Making trail etiquette a priority allows everyone to enjoy the outdoors and have a good time while being safe and courteous.*

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| <b>Hikers</b>             | <i>Step off the trail and speak calmly. Dogs must be leashed in the Central Forest</i>   |
| <b>Motorized Vehicles</b> | <i>Move to the right side of the trail and shut off engine, then wait for instructions from the rider on how the pass should occur.</i>  |
| <b>Mountain Bikes</b>     | <i>Move to the right side of the trail. Wait for instructions from the rider on how the pass should occur. Make your presence known at corners or blind spots and call out early when approaching from behind.</i> |

## Where can I park my trailer and unload my horse?

If you are riding in the central forest, use the horse trailer parking lot located just east of the Ganaraska Forest Centre on the 10<sup>th</sup> Line. This lot is for the exclusive use of equestrians and provides direct access to well-marked looped trails within the central forest. Parking and unloading at the Ganaraska Forest Centre is prohibited. If you wish to ride in the west forest, the Porter Road parking lot (P6 – shown on west forest map) is large and easily accessible, with hitching rails on the east side of the lot. Be aware that this lot is shared by other forest users and is very popular for motorized users.

## Are there services or facilities located in the forest?

The Ganaraska Forest Centre has washrooms, showers, drinking water, and a pay telephone. On weekends, the canteen is open which provides food service. There are no facilities or services located elsewhere in the forest. When visiting the Forest Centre on horseback, please stay off all cut grass areas and roadways; use the trail that wraps around the perimeter of the property to the horse corral, and leave your horse there while you visit the Centre/canteen. Horses are not permitted on Forest Centre grounds.

## Are there other forest regulations that I should know about?

Alcohol, open fires, littering, and camping are prohibited in the forest and enforced by police, Conservation Authority staff and volunteer patrollers. A complete list of forest regulations and rules of etiquette can be found on the large signs at major entry points in the forest and on all forest maps, or see "The Forest" at [www.ganaraskaforestcentre.ca](http://www.ganaraskaforestcentre.ca).