

\* OTTER CREEK HORSE TRAILS \*

LEWIS COUNTY REAL PROPERTY TAX MAPPING

GEO Referenced Maps at

<https://www.lewiscounty.org/residents>

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Color	Trail	Miles
B	Beach Mill Trl	1.1
B	Cats Paw Lake Rd	1.7
B	Cleveland Lake Trl	0.8
B	Dragline Trl	0.6
B	Fletcher Trl	3.4
B	Frost Pocket Trl	1.3
B	Gumdrop Pond Trl	0.8
B	Hinchings Pond Trl	>1
B	Icicle Trl	1.2
B	Old #4 Trl	1.1
B	Payne Lake Rd	0.1
B	Payne Lake Trl	0.8
B	Shady Trl	2
B	Shortcut Rd	0.8
B	Spring Creek Trl	1.4
B	Streamside Trl	1.4
R	Aspen Trl	1
R	Assembly Rd	1
R	Bailey Rd	0.9
R	Beach Mill Rd	2.7
R	Burnt Creek Trl	2.8
R	Catspaw Lake Rd Spur S	
R	Chase Creek Trl	2.5
R	Cow Trl	1.2
R	Eatonville Trl	3.5
R	Evies Pond Spur Rd	0.3
R	Fish Pond Rd/Trl	1
R	Hiawatha Trl	1.9
R	Jumper Trl	0.4
R	Mikes Rd	1.2
R	Otter Creek Trl	1.6
R	Pitcher Pond Rd	1.2
R	Pitcher Pond Trl	1.4
R	Shingle Mill Falls Rd	
R	Twin Ponds Trl	1.2
R	Valley Trl	0.4
Y	Blue Jog Rd	0.5
Y	Blueberry Trl	1.9
Y	Cassleville Trl	1.9
Y	Cleveland Lake Rd	1.1
Y	Confusion Flats Rd	2.5
Y	Crooked Creek Trl	1.2
Y	Elbow Trl	0.4
Y	Erie Canal Trl (unbridged)	1.4
Y	Evies Pond Rd	0.4
Y	Florence Pond Rd Trl	2.8
Y	Glenwood Trl	0.5
Y	High Banks Trl	2.8
Y	Homebound Trl	1.4
Y	Independence Trl	2.2
Y	Proceeding Trl	0.6
Y	Ridgetop Trl	0.5

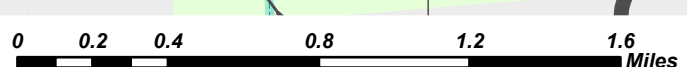
- Bridge
- GPS Point
- Mounting Blocks
- Horse Mounting Platform
- Vehicle Parking Only
- Parking
- Picnic Table, Tie Rail
- Tie Rails
- Scenic Vista
- Water Access
- Panel Map
- Assembly Area
- Adirondack Park Boundary
- NYS Forest Preserve - Wild Forest
- NYS Forest
- Private Lands
- Town/County Roads
- Private Roads
- Perimeter Roads
- Lewis County Town Boundaries

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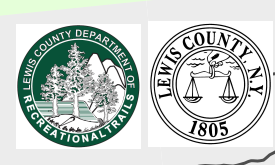
- Horse Trails Yellow
- Horse Trails Red
- Horse Trails Blue

MAP UPDATED TO MARCH 28, 2022

\* The Use of Motorized Vehicles and Snowmobiles are ONLY Permitted on Roads & Trails Designated as Open for Their Use.



IN CASE OF EMERGENCY call 911







## The Otter Creek Horse Trail System Greig, New York

The Otter Creek Horse Trail System is a series of interlocking trails comprising about 65 miles. They traverse both State Forest & Adirondack Forest Preserve (Wild Forest) lands on the western border of the Adirondack Park in Lewis County.

The horse trail system uses old sandy roads and woods trails to crisscross a beautiful, diverse area. The trails wind their way along spirea flats and wooded areas, access picturesque Adirondack ponds, and follow or cross numerous creeks as well as the scenic Independence River. The raised rocky ridges around the kettles of Payne Lake and Pitcher Pond are glacial Eskers.

There is an Assembly Area with 3 parking lots and an overflow or day use parking lot. The Assembly Area or trailhead has 100 roofed tie stalls, 2 separate roofed stud stalls, manure pits, and potable water for the horses. There is a bathroom with sink and toilet but **no** shower and **no** electrical hook ups. (**Please note:** The water is turned on mid-May and shut off after Columbus Day weekend USA.) The overflow or day use parking lot has a water spigot, tie rails, and manure pit. If staying overnight, the horses must be tethered to or harbored in their trailers or in a temporary corral. Temporary corrals are restricted to the cleared section of the overflow area.

The Assembly Area is available on a first-come, first-served basis - no reservations. Registration is required at the register kiosk located in Parking Lot 1. The self-issuing camping permit needs to be completed with the DEC portion placed in the drop box and the camping permit portion displayed on the dashboard of the vehicle.

Otter Creek Horse Trail System has accessible features. At the Assembly Area, the bathroom facilities and mounting platforms are user friendly along with a picnic pavilion with reserved parking. On the trails, 3 accessible mounting platforms are located at scenic overlooks to allow horseback riders to dismount and enjoy the view.

### Use of Horses

Horses are not permitted on foot trails or when ice and snow cover snowmobile or cross-country ski trails. Private in-holders often object to horses on their private roads. **Please stay on designated trails** marked with colored trail marker discs, since the Otter Creek Trails pass through several environmentally sensitive areas. Designated trails are designed to minimize impacts to these areas. Horses travelling off-trail may damage sensitive ecosystems by trampling vegetation, fragmenting habitat, and introducing invasive species. After just a few passes, user-created trails often become visible – increasing the likelihood of other users riding off-trail.

In the Assembly Area, do **not** tether horses to trees or run, gallop, or canter horses. Horse owners may be required to produce a current or previous calendar year negative Coggins certificate, proof of a current rabies vaccination, and out-of-state horse owners may be required to produce a 30-day health certificate. The physical address that is required for the veterinarian paperwork is: 6498 South Chases Lake Road, Greig, NY 13345



### Field Notes

The entire Otter Creek Horse Trail System is populated with wildlife. The trails pass through a variety of habitats, and you are likely to see deer, bear, coyote, fox, snow-shoe hare, and wide variety of bird life such as Hummingbirds, grouse, and wild turkey. Catspaw Lake and Pitcher Pond are known for their resident and migratory wild fowl.

### Lewis County

Our forest and mountain environment offers opportunities for recreational pleasure, appreciation of nature, and a rejuvenating escape from the urban world. Help care for our forest environment and enhance the enjoyment of it for yourself and those that follow. Please do not litter. Hopefully, you will have a rewarding and safe time on the Otter Creek Horse Trail System. A lot of time, effort and pride has been put into this facility and the surrounding trails. Enjoy them and come back soon.

### Notes

**Parking.** Most parking around the Otter Creek Horse Trails outside of the Assembly Area is for vehicles.

**Eatonville Bridge.** The bridge is part of the trail town road system. It is VERY narrow.

**Split Rail Fences.** Numerous Scenic Vistas are located on bluffs overlooking rivers. Split Rail fences indicate hazardous areas. Stay on the trail side of the fence. DO NOT tie to the fence.

**Horse Drawn Vehicles.** Some trails are on old roads and are suitable for driving. The Otter Creek Horse Trails are designed for trail riding so many are NOT suitable for driving a horse and vehicle.

**Hilly Trails:** **Northern** – Burnt Creek Trl, High Banks Trl, **Middle** – Independence Trl, Shady Trl, Aspen Trl, **Southern** – Casslerville Trl, Streamside Trl, Ridge Top Trl, Valley Trl, Pitcher Pond Trl, Eatonville Trl.

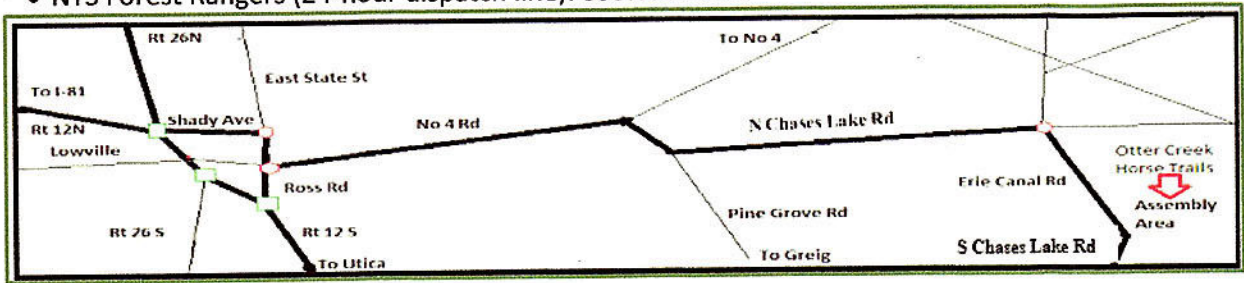
**Trail Conditions.** Notices about trail & stream conditions as well as ground bee activity are posted at the Kiosk in Assembly Area - Parking Lot 1.

### Important Numbers

Emergencies: evening, weekends, holidays, call:

- Lewis County Sheriff: 911
- NY State Police: 315.376.6513
- NYS Forest Rangers (24-hour dispatch line): 833.697.7264

The Assembly Area is located at 6498 South Chases Lake Road, Greig, NY 13345  
During regular business hours, contact: DEC Lowville Office 315.376.3521  
Please let the operator know if you want veterinarian or vehicle towing services.

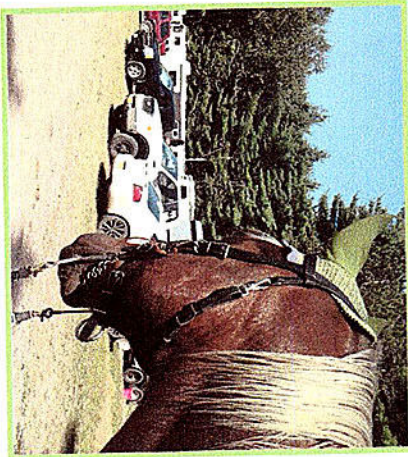


### Additional Information

- <https://friendsofottercreekhorsetrails.com>
- <https://adirondackstughill.com/>
- <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/8088.html>
- <https://www.lewiscounty.org/>

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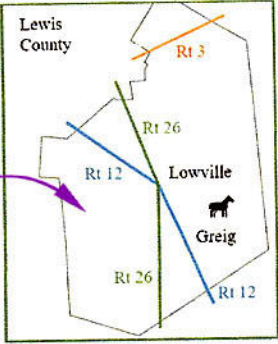
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**Otter Creek Horse Trails**  
Over 65 miles of well-marked trails  
An Assembly Area with covered stalls  
Potable water for horses  
Camp sites with fire pits

### Lewis County New York

The Otter Creek Horse Trails are located approximately:  
- 48 miles north of Utica  
- 7 miles east of Rt 12  
- 95 miles north of Syracuse



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6498 South Chases Lake Road,  
Greig, NY 13345

