

# Moreau Lake State Park Equestrian Permit 2018-19

## FAQ's

**Beginning April 1, 2018, Moreau Lake State Park will be requiring an equestrian permit for all horseback riding in the park to help ensure the safety of all park users. As with any new procedure, there are often questions that arise. We have done our best to answer those here. After reviewing these FAQs, if you still have further questions about the permit process please do not hesitate to call the park office at 518-793-0511.**

### **1. Why is a permit needed?**

The permit will allow the park to better ensure the safety of all park users as well as to better protect the health of all horses using the park. The permit will require proof of a negative coggins test result and proof of a rabies vaccination.

### **2. What does the permit cost?**

There are two options, a daily or annual permit. A daily permit is \$10 and must be used the same day it is purchased. An annual permit is \$20. Permits may be paid for by credit card or check at the main park office. 2018-19 annual permits will be good from 4/1/2018 – 3/30/2019. Money collected from the permits will help maintain park facilities and trails and will also be used to help improve park amenities specific to equestrian park users such as mounting boxes and platforms, improving parking for horse trailers, or improved signage.

### **3. What do I need to bring with me?**

Please bring a copy of a negative coggins test result and rabies vaccination. The negative coggins test must be dated on or after January 1, 2017 for the 2018-19 permit. The rabies vaccination must be valid for the length of the permit – which is through March 30, 2019 for the annual permit.

### **4. Do I get a copy of the permit?**

Yes. You also get a saddle tag with a unique permit number that must be displayed on the saddle when you ride in the park. If rules are being broken, warnings will be given first but the permit, as with all state permits, is revocable at any time. The Equestrian Rules for Moreau Lake State Park are included with the permit application paperwork.

**5. What if I ride more than one horse? Will I need multiple permits?**

Each permit is associated with the rider and up to two horses. You can provide proof of negative coggins test and rabies vaccination for two horses under your single permit. You are responsible for moving your saddle tag between horses if you plan to ride more than one horse in the park. If you have more than two horses, you will need an additional permit.

**6. Is the park trying to discourage horseback riding with this new permit requirement?**

No. The park already issues permits for many activities including camping, commercial filming and photography, boat storage, pets, metal detecting, special events, drones, real estate rentals and hunting. While new to Moreau, equestrian permits are already in use in other parks across the state. This permit will further assist us in making sure that the experience for all our park users continues to be safe and enjoyable.