

Loafer Creek Horse Camp with 15 campsites

Lake Oroville State Recreation Area

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Introduction:

An excellent horse camp (rated ★★★★★ = four stars) is on the south side of Lake Oroville State Recreation Area. The **Loafer Creek Horse Camp** has 15 separate campsites, with two horses per campsite. There are 30 pipe-corrals; two per campsite, with one pipe-corral for each horse. Each pipe-corral has a separate feeder. Each of the 15 campsites has a water faucet; so bring your own hose and horse water-buckets. In the center of the horse camp is a building with two flush toilets with warm-water wash-basins; two separate hot showers are available for a nominal fee. In the center of camp is a large propane tank and water-heater for the showers and sinks.

Each campsite has a sturdy concrete picnic table and fire-ring. There is a trailer for horse manure removal, and a dippy-dumpster for garbage. Bring your own firewood and kindling. There are 3 wash-racks with faucets and hoses, plus a round-pen for warm-ups prior to riding. There are *no* electrical hook-ups for horse trailers, and *no* food lockers.

The **Loafer Creek Horse Camp** is at an elevation of 980 feet in the foothills of the northern Sierra Nevada. The horse camp has a mature forest of oak trees, gray pines, and manzanita shrubs.

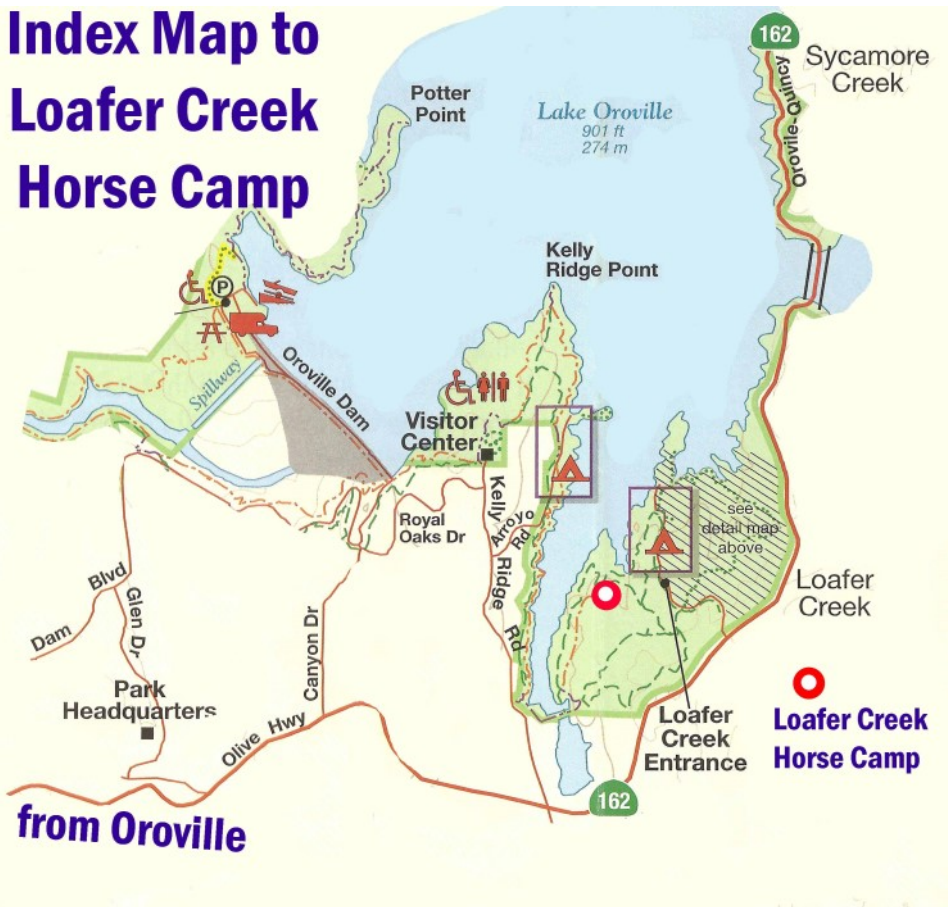
Reservations are needed for the active summer season, April First through October 15th. Reservation telephone: 1-800-444-7275 www.ReserveCalifornia.com For the popular summer equestrian season, it is adroit to make horse-camping reservations about *six months in advance*. Several horse clubs who helped build this excellent horse camp will typically reserve the entire campsite for popular 3-day holiday week-ends. (*Deservedly so; these horsemen personally built the camp.*) **The horse camping fee is \$45.00 per day.**

Day-use horseback riding is \$8.00; this uses a large asphalt parking-lot, a mile north of Loafer Horse Camp (*described later*).

During the winter season, the horse camp is still open, but conveniently available on a first-come, first-served basis, with payment (*cash or credit card*) at the entrance-station kiosk near Highway 162 (telephone 530-538-2217 for the kiosk) for specific information about the Loafer Creek Horse Camp.



Index Map to Loafer Creek Horse Camp

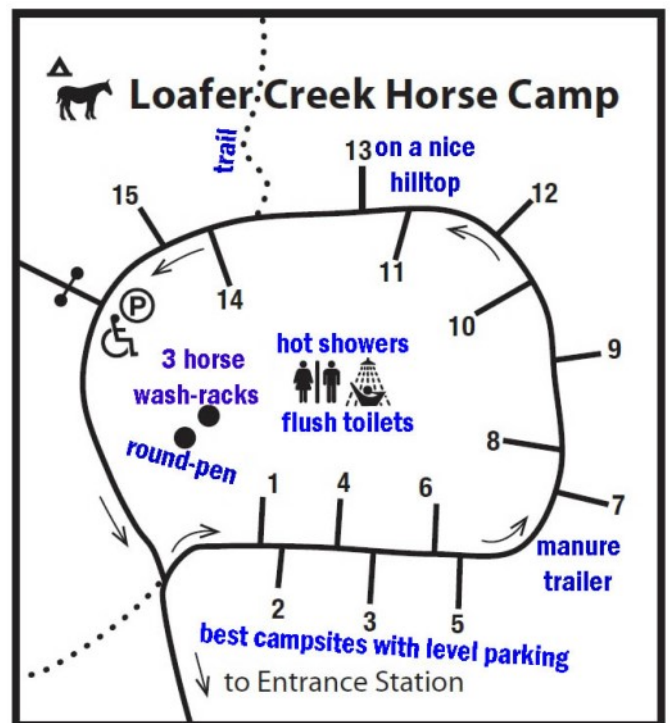


From the intersection of Highway 70 and Highway 162, proceed eastward through the city of Oroville for about 9 miles to the entrance of the Loafer Creek area.

At lower left is a trail map of the Loafer Creek area.

At lower right is a detailed map of the 15 horse campsites. All the 15 sites are equal in amenities (pipe-corral, concrete table, fire pit, water faucet), so the only difference is the topographic parking for horse trailers.

Map of Horse Trails leading from Loafer Creek Horse Camp within Oroville State Recreation Area





The fee for the Horse Campsite is \$45.00 per day.

Day-riders can park in the northern parking lot for just \$8.00

There are 15 campsites in the Loafer Creek Horse Camp.

There are no more than 2 horses per campsite, with no more than 8 people per campsite.

Check-out by Noon, then move to the (free) North Parking Lot and continue to ride until dark; then depart.





Round Pen

3 Wash Racks with Hoses



Round-Pen for Horse Warm-Up



Manure Trailer

Garbage Dumpster

Ramp for Your Manure Cart or Tub



individual feeders

16 x 16-foot pipe corrals, five-feet high



Each of the 15 campsites has a water faucet. Bring your own hoses and water buckets.



Two Shower Stalls



One Token for Two Minutes of Shower
Purchase Tokens in Vending Machine



Hot Showers for Equestrians Inside Restrooms at Loafer Creek Horse Camp

Bring \$1 and \$5 bills to purchase tokens for the hot showers. There are four tokens for one dollar. Quarters do *not* work; only tokens must be used. One token works for two minutes of shower time.

There are two separate shower stalls, and one is for handicapped people. Bring your own bath towel, bar-soap, facecloth, shampoo, and shower sandals.



Loafer Creek Horse Campsite #2



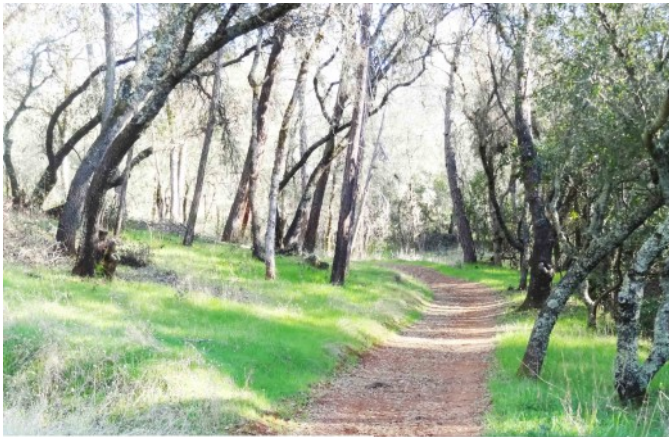
Typical Campsite:
 concrete picnic table
 firepit
 two pipe corrals
 one water faucet



Loafer Creek Horse Campsite #10



Loafer Creek Horse Campsite #11



17-mile loop for Loafer Creek horse trail



Day-use equestrian parking lot with 15 large spaces for horse trailers. This is located on the north side of Loafer Creek recreation section within Oroville State Recreation Area. \$8 per day-use.



North Parking Lot for Day-Use at Loafer Creek area.

15 diagonal parking spaces for horse trailers



One hitching post and one mounting block in the north parking lot.



The Roy Rogers Trail is a looping trail that interconnects with the Loafer Creek horse trail. Both horse trails are well-marked with these signposts.

At left: This is an excellent example of horse-trail signage for the **Roy Rogers Trail**. This looping trail links to the Loafer Creek horse trail looping system. (Refer to the trail map previously shown on page 2.)

Below: In the unlikely event of an injury while horseback riding within the Loafer Creek area of Lake Oroville State Recreation area, it is good to know that an excellent hospital is nearby.

In the unlikely event that your horse has urgent and acute medical problems, here are **two local equine veterinarians:**

Look Ahead Veterinary Hospital

Dr. Craig Brown, DVM Oroville
Telephone: 530-534-0722

All About Pets Veterinary Hospital

Dr. Dawn Alves, DVM Chico
Telephone: 530-342-0725



Oroville Hospital, 133 beds

Level 3 Trauma Center

phone: 530-533-8500

2767 Olive Hwy, Oroville 95966