

The Castle Rock Horse trails are located south of Hwy 21 and east of 20<sup>th</sup> Ave., all the way to the Wisconsin River, where it opens up into Castle Rock Lake on the Adams County side. The Castle Rock Horse trails are on about 2,500 acres of Wisconsin River Power Company land.



The Castle Rock trails are sandy and are easy to ride. It is a favorite trail for early spring when many horses are not yet in condition for the riding season. Many of the trails allow beautiful views of the Wisconsin River, Castle Rock Lake, The Roche A Cri, Waller's pond and other smaller ponds along the way. The trails provide a variety of riding, including pine plantations, prairies, and oak forests. Some of the trails are wide enough for a horse and cart and some of them are bridle paths. Along the trails you will see a variety of wildlife. It is normal to see deer, turkeys, sand hill cranes, ducks, badgers, eagles, ospreys, and even a bear has been spotted in the past.

The six loops of the Castle Rock trail system are color coded and well marked. There are short trails within some of the main loops that are always marked with a brown sign. Most of the loops interconnect with one another so that you can tailor your ride to fit your needs. All of the trails are designed around 21st Ave. and Cumberland Ave (which becomes 22nd Ave at the corner). At each intersection; there is a number on the sign that corresponds to the same number on the trail map. It is easy to know where you are, where you were, and where you are going. The trails designated for driving are marked with wagon wheel symbols.

Most of the water crossings are easy and the more challenging crossings are marked on the trails so they can be avoided if riders want.

The Castle Rock Trails Club maintains the Castle Rock Horse Trails. The club consists of committed people who give of their time, energy, resources and finances to make it possible for all of us to enjoy the natural beauty of these trails.

*Because the Castle Rock Trails are not state owned, there are no state trail fees. This also means that there are no state monies designated to maintain the trails. The Castle Rock Trails Club depends on the donations of riders who enjoy riding the trails.*

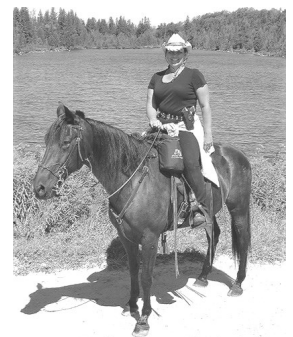
*All donations are greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the donation/map/kiosk center at the trailhead (located on 22nd Ave.- South of Hwy 21) or they can be dropped off in the donation box just outside the Ukarydee Campground Office.*

**Donations can also be mailed.**

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*Patty & Luna*

In the past, the Castle Rock Trails Club has been the recipient of grant monies from the Wisconsin Horse Council. With these grants the Castle Rock Trails Club has been able to provide some of the amenities. This group continues to improve the trails every year making for a very well maintained trail system.

Because the land is open to public hunting riders are discouraged from using the trails during the deer gun season. For dates you can check with the Wisconsin DNR at 608 339-3385.

Castle Rock Horse trails are for virtually any trail rider. The easy trails lend to training on the trail and early season conditioning. I encourage you to make this one of your Wisconsin Horse Trail destinations.

*“There is something about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a man.”*

*Winston Churchill*

Until next time – Happy Trails!