

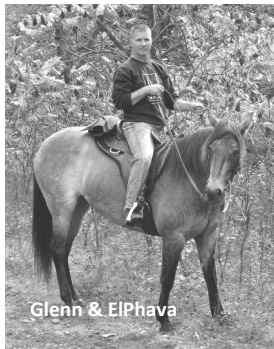
RIDE WISCONSIN-Northern Kettle Moraine

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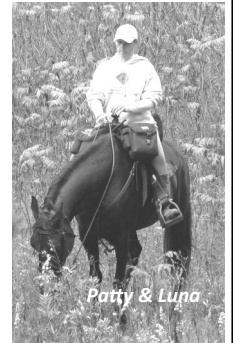
The Kettle Moraine Northern Unit is comprised of about 30,000 acres stretching 30 miles across Sheboygan, Fond du Lac and Washington Counties. The forest is managed for multiple use, including recreation management, sustainable forest products, water quality and soil protection, terrestrial and aquatic wildlife, native biological diversity and aesthetics.

There are 41 miles of horse trail that are traditionally open late April through mid November depending on trail conditions. All trails are closed for the winter. The main trail winds 33 miles the linear length of the forest. Two loop trails, Crooked and Forest Lake, provide shorter routes totaling more than 7 miles. Trails are rolling with a few steep hills, some rocky places. The trails are well maintained and clearly marked.

Trails are designated for horseback riders but you may see some hikers. Vehicle passes are required and trail passes are required for all riders 16 and older. Trails get muddy and slick when wet. Riders are urged to wait 4-6 hours after rain to ride. Riders can check online or call for trail conditions and closures.



Northern Kettle Moraine Horse Trail Association (NKMHTA) was established in September of 2003. The mission of the club is to provide area equestrians an opportunity to make an impact working with the Wisconsin DNR preserving, improving, and developing equestrian facilities in the Northern Kettle Moraine State Forest. If you enjoy the trails and like what we have accomplished, please consider becoming a member or making a donation so that we can continue to improve the Northern Kettle Moraine horse trails and campgrounds.



The Plymouth Trail Riders were also instrumental in establishing the trails. *In 1956, the Plymouth Trail Riders initiated a venture known as the "The Kettle Moraine Forest Riding Trail, Inc". Club members contributed two-thirds of the funds required to pay the state for cutting, building and marking horse trails in the Northern Kettle Moraine State Forest. Several members also helped to install and maintain the trail system. Presently, club members continue to assist with maintenance of the trails and buildings. Members also contributed funds and volunteer time for building the horse shelter at Horseman's Park. They also contributed seed money toward a fund for the people shelter at Horseman's Park in New Prospect. Through a combined effort with the Wisconsin Horse Trails Council and other groups, individual camping became available, with room to keep camper's horses at Horseman's Park.*

New Prospect Horseriders Campground offers 22 family, electric campsites with 2 10 x 10 metal pipe corrals at each site. It is centrally located on the 33-mile horse trail that winds the length of the state forest. Amenities include a covered horse stable with 24 10' x 10' box stalls, a picnic shelter, drinking water, and vault toilets. Family and group site includes 2 tether poles, fire ring with a partial grate, and a picnic table. The group sites have a limited number of metal 10' x 10' pipe corral. Also provided is an open-air picnic shelter in each campground.

Northern Kettle Moraine is a state park and reservations are made on line <http://wisconsinstateparks.reserveamerica.com> or call 888-947-2757.

"The horse knows. He knows if you know. He also knows if you don't know."

Ray Hunt