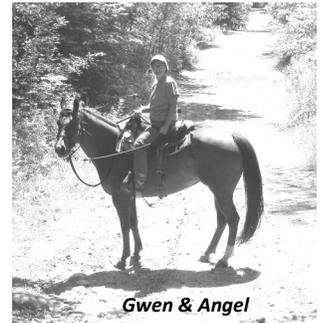


The Popple Ridge Horse Trails are located on the eastern end of Langlade County, near the border of Oconto County. The area offers 127,000 acres of public owned land for your riding enjoyment. There are many lakes, streams and ponds in this area that adds to the beauty of the landscape. As you ride through the Nicolet National Forest, bear, deer, chipmunks, and wild turkeys are just a few of the species you might see.



The trail tread is a mix of sand and stones on gently rolling terrain. All but one section of the 16-mile trail is wide enough for 2 horses to ride side-by-side. These wooded trails are cool and shady even in the middle of the summer. The Popple Ridge Horse Trails are well marked and cared for. A horseback ride on this trail showcases the Nicolet National Forest in an amazing, unique way.

The Triple R Riding Club, in Antigo, cares for the trails. The club has been in existence since 2001. The Triple R Riding Club holds an annual spring trail ride at Crocker Hills, another trail system that they maintain.



The trailhead is located on Setting Lake Road, adjacent to the Jones Springs Recreational Area. Sawyer Lake intersects with Highway 55. Travel east about 5 miles on Sawyer Road to Setting Lake Road. The trailhead is approximately 2.5 miles from Sawyer Lake Road. Rustic camping is available at the trailhead.

There is camping with water and electric available at 9 Mile Resort. There are 25 campsites set aside specifically for equestrian camping. The campground can accommodate large rigs. Trail maps are available at the campground.

In very wet weather I would advise riders to avoid the boggy areas in the forest, they can be dangerous. The trails in the autumn offer spectacular color and beauty, not unlike all horse trails in Wisconsin. The Popple Ridge horse trails are certainly worth the effort of traveling to, I would recommend making these trails one of your riding destinations.

Trail rides can be great fun but your saddlebags should be stocked with basic items so you're sure to be prepared if any unplanned events occur on your ride. We always hope for a safe ride, but you never know what you may encounter on the trail.

Some of the items that you might consider carrying with you are; halter and lead rope, hoof pick, a knife, baling twine or zip ties, and water. I like to carry a first aid kit for both human and horses, along with insect repellent and a whistle. A GPS is a handy item but not everyone has one. Most riders have cellphones and there are a number of free apps that can be used to track your trail. I like to have a folding saw with me to clear the trail if necessary.



There are innumerable items that I could mention but most riders already have their bags packed. The number one thing to bring is a positive attitude and an ability to enjoy life!

“My horse's feet are as swift as rolling thunder. He carries me away from all my fears. And when the world threatens to fall asunder, his mane is there to wipe away my tears.”

Bonnie Lewis

Until next time – Happy Trails!